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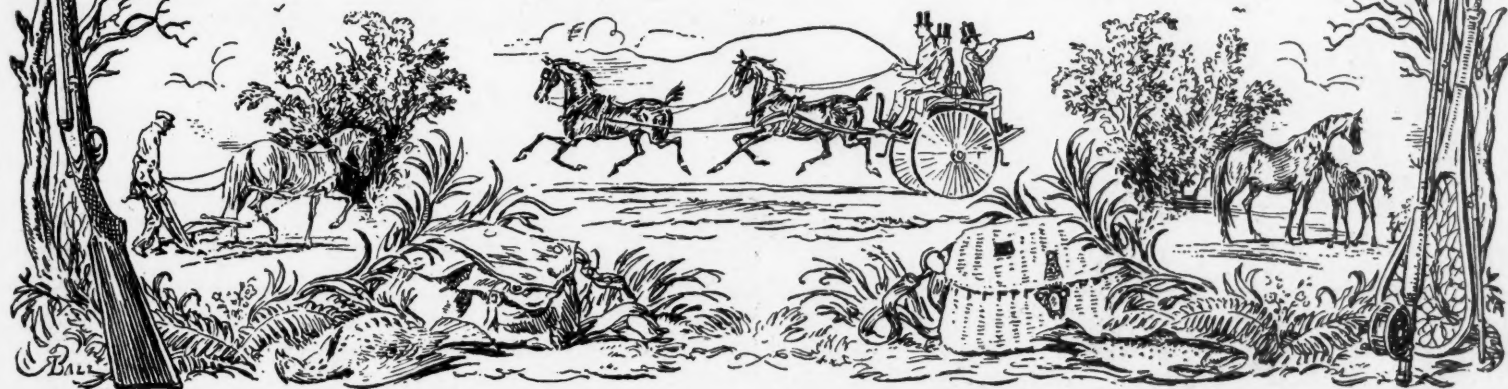
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HIGH SCHOOL FOR HUNTING

Beaglers seem to be a peculiarly happy, carefree group. They move about somewhat nomadically with their little hounds, hunting a variety of countries and making not infrequent treks to out of state events such as the annual Beagle gathering at Aldie, Virginia. At this rabbit haven each year, the annual Field Trials for both pack and single hounds, a considerable group of enthusiasts come for a week, enjoying uninterrupted hunting. Few other sporting groups are willing to so forget or cast aside such mundane superfluities as business and family responsibility for such a time. To the owners of the little dogs, this is just one of numerous annual outings with a very pleasant social flavor added in which they hunt and compete with each other's packs for the honors of the chase.

It may well be that some of the spontaneous gaiety comes from the hounds themselves. There is a particular spontaneity that seems to emanate from these little hounds which is quite infectious and if one watches their antics for long it would be hard to maintain a spirit of depression or to refrain from laughing. Beagles don't gallop as do horses or foxhounds. They hop and skip. Their tails dip and wave like little white flags and their heads bob with the wild abandon of a flock of jumping jacks turned loose from their man-made strings.

Not only does the beagle infect its owners with its own gaiety, but in this day and age with prices of feed for animal kind going skyward, they are a most economical type of sporting institution. Horses cost just as much to feed and keep whether they be hunters or racehorses. A pack of Foxhounds are good trenchermen, too, and the combination of maintaining both horses and hounds is a real fox-hunting responsibility. Beagles on the other hand provide very good hunting at a minimum of cost and responsibility. Whatever the cause, beaglers all have a very good time together, and as a result, beagling has continued to prosper with more and more packs being enrolled in the list of the official National Beagle Club roster.

The Chronicle is much indebted to the National organization's officials for permission to publish this official list of beagle clubs again. They are representative sporting groups and they are not only building up cohorts for their own hunting in the years to come, but are also furnishing a real backlog for new foxhunting material as the urge to go hunting over more country and behind faster hounds carries many of the beaglers into the foxhunting field and from there to racing horses on the turf and at the big tracks. Such advocates of sport come with a very solid foundation in the principles of sport for sport's sake, for few sportsmen can get very commercially minded following beagles across a countryside.

Beagling is particularly congenial to those who are fond of plenty of exercise and most of the active participants are just out of schools and colleges. Training behind beagle hounds has always been recognized as the best possible method to learn the science of hunting any kind of hounds. When a pack spreads out in front of foot followers and the music floats back to the listeners as hounds find, the whole game has a more personal application than foxhunting. The fences even have a different aspect than when riding whether it be to bark your shins or catch your trousers. The whole game brings forcibly



"Oh my! what is the next aid?"

home the joy and the problems of hounds and hunting in a way that makes the sport truly the springboard and the training ground for hunting with horse and hound. Beaglers have a real part to play and the growing list of Beagle Club members shows how well they are playing it.

Hunter and Jumper Exhibitors Assn. Meeting Held

Deciding to form an association, electing officers and the board of directors is only a small part of a big job to be done. This much was accomplished last month to mark the beginning of the Hunter and Jumper Exhibitors Association but the board of directors met in New York City on December 11-12 to draw up the by-laws and constitution. The board represents a very good cross-section of the county but distance was not considered as they carried out plans to get the association in good working order.

Mrs. Sallie J. Sexton, president, sent out 253 letters to exhibitors, asking that they name the person they would want to fill the important job of executive steward. Exhibitors, owners, dealers, professionals and amateur horsemen replied and of the persons who made a selection, 60 percent wanted Chris Wadsworth, the nearest person to him being represented by 25 percent. No one on the board of directors contributed a name for this position. Mr. Wadsworth will have his headquarters at the following address, c/o John Ross, R. D. No. 2, Doylestown, Pa., telephone Sugan 3376.

One of the most important duties facing this new association is the making up of a panel of judges, which panel will represent, to the best ability of the association, the expressions of the majority of exhibitors. The board of directors will go over the existing American Horse Shows Association list and make a list of the top 20 hunter and jumper judges and send this list to Mr. Wadsworth. He, in turn, will use their selections to guide him in making up the panel. It will not be difficult to get on the list but it will be up to the judges to stay there. The job of a judge is often not too pleasant under the best circumstances but when one fails to live up to the confidence placed in him, his name will be taken off the panel.

When this panel is completed, the secretary of the association, Gregory McIntosh, will send the list to the recognized and licensed shows, asking that they obtain their judges from the names thereon. The steward will contact managers of any shows in case there are any questions to be worked out.

Should the executive steward be unable to get a show to use the list, he will report such refusal to the board of directors. His job is through as far as that particular matter is concerned. The board of directors takes over and contacts the numbers of the association to inform them of the situation and hunter and jumper exhibitors will be asked not to make entries at the show in question.

One of the primary reasons for

having an executive steward is to keep the work connected with the position "under one roof". This will eliminate having to obtain reports from several sources and consequently give the association an opportunity to work quickly on matters brought to its attention. The job does not entail bringing up minor or inconsequential things but it does mean that the hunter and jumper exhibitors will have someone right at hand who will be there to help them, the final decision in all cases resting with the board of directors.

Among the jobs of the executive steward will be to attend as many shows as possible large or small, to observe the work of the judges, the conduct of the exhibitors and the management of the show. If a matter comes up which should be settled at once and the board of directors cannot be gotten together, the executive steward sends his report to the secretary. The secretary immediately contacts the board and the matter in question will be settled within a reasonable time instead of waiting for an annual meeting or a convenient time for the board to meet.

Should a show wish Mr. Wadsworth to make suggestions about their courses, help revise a prize list or contact him in anyway concerning a show, there will be no charge to that organization for the executive steward coming to talk over the matters.

Mr. Wadsworth naturally will not accept any invitations to judge horse shows as his time will be completely taken up by his work with the association. As the representative of such an association exhibitors are asked not to come to him to ask him for a personal opinion of a horse but they are to contact him whenever he can be of help in other matters.

Quite a number of people have already sent in their \$10.00 check to pay the membership dues for 1952. An application for membership will be sent out to the same mailing list who received the letter concerning the selection of an executive steward. Anyone who wishes to receive an application can do so by writing to Gregory McIntosh, Secretary, 1553 Union Commerce Building, Cleveland, Ohio. Members will be voting and non-voting. The former will be persons who have shown a horse at a recognized show within the past 5 years in their name or stable name. Non-voting members will be people

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62nd Annual Beagle Field Trials

Waldingfield Is Highest Total Scored Pack For Second Consecutive Year

Jane Dane

Last year I had to miss the National Beagle Club Field Trials due to a "must" wedding. To make up for this tragedy Mildred Prunaret and I, plus five couple of the "red devil" hounds, took off for Middleburg, Va. and the Red Fox Tavern. We represented a part of the Sir-Sister; Chetwood Smith and Henry Prunaret being Joint-Masters; Dick Harwood, secretary; myself huntsman, and Mildred can and does double for any position but is principally whip. We two had a marvelous time sampling life in Virginia, accompanied by the always amusing Chetwood. We hunted hounds morning, noon, and night. We attended fox hunt meets. We were royally entertained by the C. Oliver Iselins and in all built up a series of beautiful pictures of country, horses, hounds, and people to last a long time. Wednesday, November 7, we moved hounds to the well-remembered whitewashed kennels at the Institute Farm, Aldie, Va. and began greeting each new arrival.

The pack classes were first this year, followed by the single stakes. As usual, the president of the National, Captain C. Oliver Iselin, Jr., and his wife had done a stupendous job on a horrendous task. The actual classes started Thursday morning with the 13-inch two couple, first "measuring", which for Dave Sharp of Treweryn presented the peculiar fact that several of his hounds had grown inches in the night! There were ten packs entered in the 13-inch two-couple class with Sir Sister in the unhappy position of leading off. There has been a great scarcity of rabbits on the field trials grounds and some packs really walked for awhile. Treweryn won this with a very snappy run and brilliant work at a check where the four hounds picked a very difficult line. Waldingfield was 2nd after a very good run, Liseter 3rd and I. W. Carell's Shady Shores reserve. Treweryn also won the Sir-Sister Cup with this pack for the highest score in the field. Mrs. J. Austin duPont's Lister achieved the National Challenge Cup with her four good-looking little hounds for supreme excellence on the bench and a 3rd in the field in this stake.

The trials continued, interrupted only by lunch and a general invitation from the Sir-Sister to enjoy a

cocktail party in Chet's cabin anytime after five. Be sure, everyone squeezed in somehow and eventually squeezed out again.

Friday was another sunny day. In fact the weather throughout was perfect. Thirteen packs entered for the 15-inch two-couple stake. A goodly number to get through. Scenting, except on Sunday, was never perfect and game scarce, although Joe Child of Waldingfield managed to put up a gray fox. Oliver Iselin of Wolver won this class and was naturally very much pleased as his hounds haven't been worked too much due to his illness. The four here were Wolver Ebony, Bachelor, Melton, and Barrister. Waldingfield was 2nd with Ned Carle's Raynham 3rd and Morgan Wing's Sandanona reserve. Again on Friday night Chet's cabin was taken over for a party, this time our hosts being Mr. and Mrs. Carle and I think the Bayard Tuckermans contributed an hors d'oeuvre or two.

Saturday there were twelve four-Continued On Page 16



AT NATIONAL FIELD TRIALS. Left to right: Jane Dane, Mildred Prunaret and Helen Hart with the Sir-Sister "Red Devils".



WINNING TREWERYN EIGHT COUPLES. Pictured with the winners are David B. Sharp, Jr., Master and huntsman, and Whipper-ins James Lamb, Jr. and William Battin.



BUCKRAM CASTING THEIR EIGHT COUPLE.

Hunting A Pack of Beagles

Joint-Master of Waldingfield Beagles
Writes Hints On Hunting Pack

Josiah H. Child

(Photos by Josiah H. Child)

I first started hunting beagles in a pack eighteen years ago. My interest in this kind of hunting has never lagged during all this time. Each year I have entered packs in field trials at the Bay State, at Gladstone and at the Nationals.

The first pack I ever entered in a field trial was at the Bay State in 1932. I remember how uncontrolled my hounds were then. They were not a pack. There were some pretty good individual hounds who liked to hunt. Some were faster than others, some skirted, others lagged behind, speaking on the line after the other hounds had gone on and when we were ordered up by the judge, each one of my followers would grab a hound as best he could and bring him to me under his arm or dragging him with a leash.

I had had some experience with foxhound packs, having hunted with them on horseback. I had seen foxhounds hunted in a pack so I knew that it must be possible to hunt beagles in a similar way if they were properly handled and selected.

At the Bryn Mawr Hound Show in 1934, I first met David "Bunny" Sharp and saw him show the Trewern Pack there. Afterwards we got into a conversation and I followed him back to his kennels where I bought my first trained pack hounds. Among them was Flyer, a little brother to Forger. The following year, I purchased two more couple from the Trewern and these with two other couple I had kept became the Covellane Pack.

In 1936, I went to the Nationals for the first time and won the 13" two-couple pack, made up of two 12" Trewern bitches and two puppies that had been raised by Kimball Clement of Haverhill, Mass. formerly Master of the Pentucket Beagles. Ever since I have been attempting to win at the Nationals with a pack consisting entirely of hounds I had raised. This was finally accomplished last year and the performance was repeated this year.

Our pack, the Waldingfield, (having Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman, Jr. and me as Joint-Masters) consisting of two third year 13" hounds and two derbies just over 13", last year won the Wheatley Frantic Cup and the Sir Sister Cup for the pack having the highest scored pack in any of the pack classes in the field.

To accomplish this has meant many years of work on the part of many people—a breeding program, raising of puppies, feeding, hunting hounds constantly and selecting proper hounds. One is fortunate if one, or perhaps two, hounds from a litter is finally retained for the pack. Once you have the right kind of hounds, a few rules must be followed in order to have those hounds perform properly as a pack.

Huntsman: A pack must be hunted by the same huntsman as much as possible. The huntsman must know his hounds well and they must like him. The huntsman should never discipline a hound. Hounds must be walked out together as often as possible. Hounds should not be walked or hunted unless at least one whip is along to turn hounds to the huntsman. Once puppies have learned to hunt they should be pack broken by walking them out constantly coupled to an entered hound.

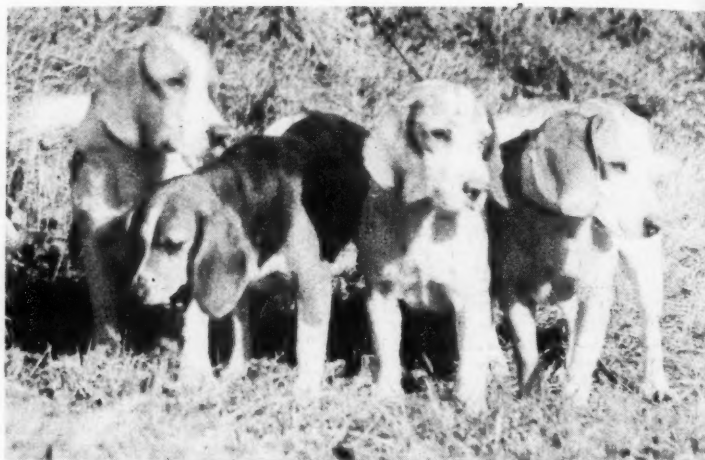
Whenever hounds are taken out or approached by the huntsman,



THE WALDINGFIELD STAFF with trophies won at the National Pack Trials in 1950. (L. to r.): Leslie Brown, kennel huntsman; Josiah H. Child, Master and huntsman; Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman, Jr., Master; Millicent Whittall, honorary whip; Bayard Tuckerman, Jr., hon. secretary.

they should be spoken to kindly by name and fed biscuits or kibble which should always be handy in the huntsman's pocket. When hunting his pack, the huntsman should be helping his hounds find and hunt their quarry. If he views a rabbit and wants to put hounds on the line he should signal to them so that they realize exactly what his meaning is. This can be done with a particular note on the horn, with the voice and with waving of the hands. Never fool a hound.

When drawing, it has been found that hounds are easier to keep together if you whistle quietly all the while. Signalling with hands is helpful also. I always wear white gloves for this purpose. If one hound starts to make game, it is easy to get the others to him without lifting their heads by changing the note of the whistle and by using the hands. Never raise your voice while drawing lest hounds become distracted and raise their heads. Once a hound has spoken on a line, you can



THE WALDINGFIELD 15" Two Couple Pack, winners of the Wheatley Frantic Cup and the Sir Sister Cup for the pack having the highest score during the National Trials in 1950.

to the huntsman. He carries a whip and couplings, neither of which should be used unless necessary.

While drawing, one whip should be on each side of the pack. It is his job to keep hounds from getting scattered. He must know his hounds and what their capabilities and hunting characteristics are. He must watch the huntsman and turn hounds to him if he is asked to do so by signal with the hand (not the voice). Hounds must be turned with as little noise as possible. Some whips use their voices and speak to hounds. I believe that a whip should not use his voice or whip unless there is no alternative. The use of the voice on the part of the whip tends to distract hounds and get their heads up. A hound must be allowed to hear other hounds and a noisy whip sometimes interferes.

Whips should only use their voices when helping to gather hounds together to draw another cover or to take them in.

Another attribute a whip should have is to be rabbit-wise and be able to station himself so that he can see just what route the quarry has taken. If necessary, he can then indicate where the line is by raising his cap or by some other appropriate gesture understood by the huntsman.

Breeding: Many articles have been written on the subject of breeding. It is sufficient to say here that the qualities one wants to have in his pack should be kept constantly in mind. Qualities such as voice, searching ability, drive responsiveness, manageability and sturdiness are some of the most desired, and hounds with these attributes are the ones to breed. Packs have been spoiled for lack of keeping in mind all these desirable traits. It takes many years to build up a pack—no good pack can be created without a well thought out breeding program.

Selection: Constant observation of hounds while they are out hunting is necessary on the part of a huntsman and staff. One or two hounds that have faults can ruin a pack. A pack hound can be the best hound in the pack one year and the worst

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M.F.H. JOSIAH H. CHILD with the Waldingfield Beagles and Whips Leslie J. Brown and George Pettus.



WILF ATKINSON, huntsman of the Vernon-Somerset Pack at Bryn Mawr in 1950. (Freudy Photo)

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Thoroughbreds

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Joe H. Palmer

There are, as you can tell by counting the stars in any flag, 48 states in the nation. Theoretically you know what states are—at least you won't be surprised when one is mentioned. But I will give you a half-hour to write the names of them down, and if you do not use anything except the inside of your head and a pad and pencil, I will make a small bet that you do not get them all. I tried this once, in company with another man, and after a while we had 46 and couldn't think of the other two. Recourse was taken to an atlas, and we found that the two we had omitted were Kentucky and Wisconsin. My co-worker in this was born in Milwaukee, and this typist, as you may

know, first saw the temperate October sunlight in Lexington. That's the way the mind works, which is no compliment to anybody.

Anyway, last week the Blood-Horse published a list of all the stallions it could find in the United States. Being of a fretful turn of mind I counted the number of states represented, and found it came out to 46. After spending some time trying to find the two missing ones I discovered that I had been counting Hawaii, Canada, and Mexico as states, and that there were actually five which did not have any stallions. I knew I should check with the Postal Guide, but I am fairly stubborn, and I set to work to find these five by myself. Barely

in time for this edition, the five states which did not report any stallions are Georgia, Mississippi, North Carolina, Maine, and Wisconsin. This may seem to you a small fact, but it took me about half a day to determine it.

Before dropping this subject, I should mention that California excels in two departments. It has more stallions than any other state—345 to Kentucky's 251—with no other state having more than 220. It also has more stallions that you never heard of than any other state. Seems to me that what California needs is more veterinarians. Lots of these horses could have raced a few more years if they had been gelded.

This will no doubt provoke some Californians, but then I've been doing that for years. It used to be that when I was getting a little low on material for columns I would take a bite at Californians, and then I could run several more weeks by printing the indignant letters they sent. It doesn't seem to work very well any more, and I'm wondering if the present crop out there can write. The unfailing substitute, which I haven't used for years, is

to refer to quarter-horses as 1-4-horses.

Probably it won't come to anything, but New York City has asked the State Legislature to let it run a lottery to raise revenue. There must be a suspicion that there are some characters, like down in the Bowery, who have money the city hasn't got at yet.

Personally I don't care if the city has a lottery every day, because I still have sense enough not to buy any tickets in it. But I hope strenuously that racing will object violently to having any lottery depending on it, even to the point of calling off or postponing any race which is to decide a lottery. We have troubles enough, just with the money in the totalisator, and if any lotteries intrude we will not only get accused of having fixed races, but we probably will have fixed races. How many guards, for instance, would you want to put around your stable if you owned the Belmont Stakes favorite, and at the same time knew that various characters were around who could make \$100,000 if he

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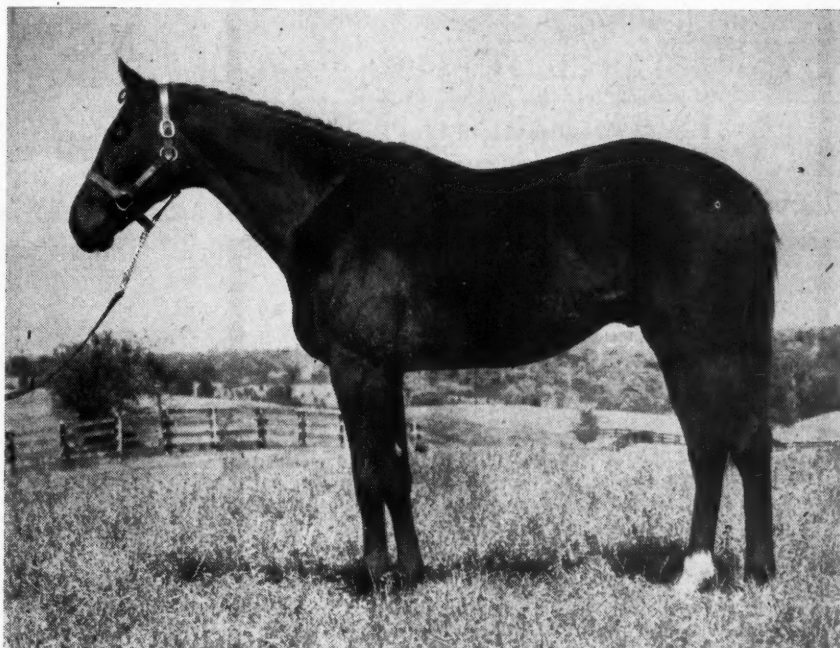


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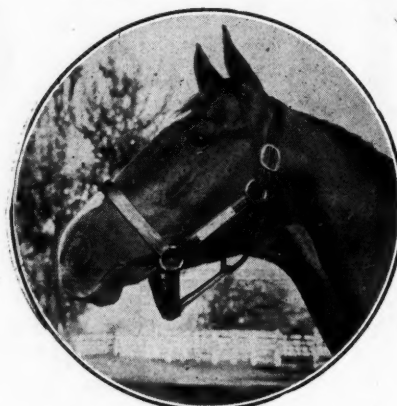
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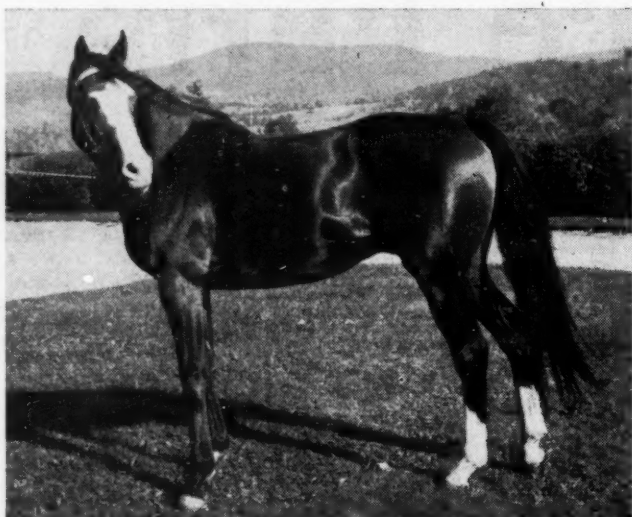
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Pamela Macgregor-Morris

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In 1886 the Irish Racing Calendar announced that R. J. Goff, auctioneer, of Newbridge, Co. Kildare, had been appointed auctioneer to the Irish Turf Club. The first yearling sales were held at Ballsbridge the following year, when 5 lots were sold for a total of 690 guineas. It is a great tribute to Irish breeding that 60 years later, in 1947, the turnover for sales for the year was 510,000 gns.

The oldest copy of Goff's catalogue now available is from 1907, when 241 yearlings were listed for the Thursday of horse show week, 122 lots being sold for 10,065 guineas. The style of the catalogue was then thus:—

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	Epigram.	Son-in-Law Flying Sally
	Chantage.	Epinard Blackmail

sade, (winner of many races) by Atheling out of Compromise, (dam of Saxon Prince, Electric Ray and other winners) by Arbitrator out of Cerf Agile, by Gamekeeper. Foaled 2nd. February. General Peace (won Lincoln Handicap, etc.) by Gallinule out of Moira."

This filly was bought for 150 gns. by C. Moore, and raced without success at 2 and 3 years. When retired to the stud, however, she proved to be a great bargain, producing seven

winners, among them Countess Torby, dam of the Ascot Gold Cup winner Santorb, which sired Rockefeller's dam. Santorb was bred by Capt. Charles Moore of Mooresfort, Co. Tipperary. In 1907 Patrick J. Brophy of Naas became a partner in the firm, with the late Richard F. Gannon of Newbridge and Mr. Goff's widow. Paddy Brophy, son of the late William Brophy, a well known figure on both English and Irish racecourses, who owned and bred many good winners. At the sale of his father's bloodstock in 1892, 13 lots made a total of 13,160 guineas.

Included in the sale was the mare Chrysalis, (sold to Sir Tatton Sykes for 2,600 guineas) her 2-year-old filly Laodamia, (sold to W. W. Fulton for 3,500 guineas) and her filly foal Philomath (sold to James Daly for 1,700 guineas). Laodamia won £2,968 in stakes including the Doncaster and Derby Cups. Philomath did not run, but at stud produced Simonath, dam of the good winners Bracket and Flamboyant, Miss Matty, (dam of the Derby winner Papyrus, and of Bold Archer) and Best Wishes (the grandam of Felicitation.)

Richard Gannon retired from Goff's in 1916, when Paddy Brophy acquired his interest, and in 1922 a limited liability company was formed with the late Edward Kennedy of Straffan as its first chairman. Co-directors were Fred S. Myerscough, Paddy Brophy, J. J. Parkinson and Lt. Col. A. J. Blake, with T. J. ("Baron") Fleming as secretary. On Kennedy's death in 1925, Myerscough became chairman and managing director, and under his leadership the sales became famous all over the world.

In 1924 the setting of the catalogues was changed to something more nearly approaching the present style, and in 1927 the yearling entry during horse show week was increased to 700 lots, with a full page devoted to a description of each animal. In 1929, the number of yearlings increased still further, to 818. In 1932, the present concise, informative method of cataloguing was adopted, thus:—

This colt, for which the representative of the Glasgow firm of Graham-Monro, Ltd., went to top price of the week, (August sales) £3,500, is engaged in all the Irish classics for 1953. His sire, Sayajirao, whose first crop are now yearlings, won six races to the value of £19,342 in stakes, including the Irish Derby and the English St. Leger. He is own brother to the English Derby winner, Dante.

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Thoroughbreds In Japan

One Or Two Well-Bred Stallions Could Completely Revitalize Racing Industry

Arnold Shrimpton

The land of Nippon is not usually associated with horse racing. True, I once heard of the Japanese Derby, but I refused to take it seriously. It appears that I was grievously in error. This was brought home to me with great clarity, recently, while engaged in an ear-bending session with Talcni Mikami, who is assistant secretary of the Tokyo Horse Racing Office, which, in turn, is apparently a sort of sub-division of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry of Japan.

I never did get to find out exactly what agriculture and forestry had to do with the bang-tails of Tokyo. I suppose the nexus here is that after you "go for broke" following the horses, and have no further yen for yen, you can always apply for a job following the plow or chopping down trees. Whichever way it goes, Mr. Mikami is a most earnest and worthy ambassador for racing in The Land of the Rising Sun. He is here as an exchange student, and is currently taking a general agricultural course at the University of Kentucky. A young man in his early thirties, with an excellent command of both written and spoken English, he is crusading to arouse the interest of our breeders in the unfortunate plight of the Japanese Thoroughbred. He is very convincing in his story, and has the American habit of backing up all his arguments with statistics.

It seems that a couple of decades prior to "the late regrettable affair," Japan was in the process of building up quite a Thoroughbred industry. A round dozen first-class stallions were imported, eight from England, three from France, and, as it so happened, one from America. These were bred to both local and imported mares, and within a scant thirty years, or so, racing was a highly popular sport with the citizens of Nippon, a very profitable business for the breeders, and a highly lucrative method of painless taxation for the Government. It was well organized, well run, and well heeled.

The imported stallions are of first rank. Top of the sire list was Theft (Tetratema—Valcuse) a good winner in England, which also finished 2nd to *Bahram in the Two Thousand Guineas of 1935. He was imported in 1937, and upon his death in 1950, Theft was the sire of 52 winners in Japan. One of his sons, Tokinominour, won the Japanese Derby of 1951, being unbeaten in all his 10 starts, which also included no less than 7 track records. Unfortunately, Tokinominour died of tetanus in June of this year, with his victorious laurels thick upon him.

Another good sire is Diolite (Piophon—Needle Rock) which won the English Two Thousand Guineas in 1950 and was 3rd to *Blenheim II when he annexed the Epsom Derby in the same year. Diolite was imported to Japan in 1935 and although now a 24-year-old, is still going strong. He has produced 21 winners,

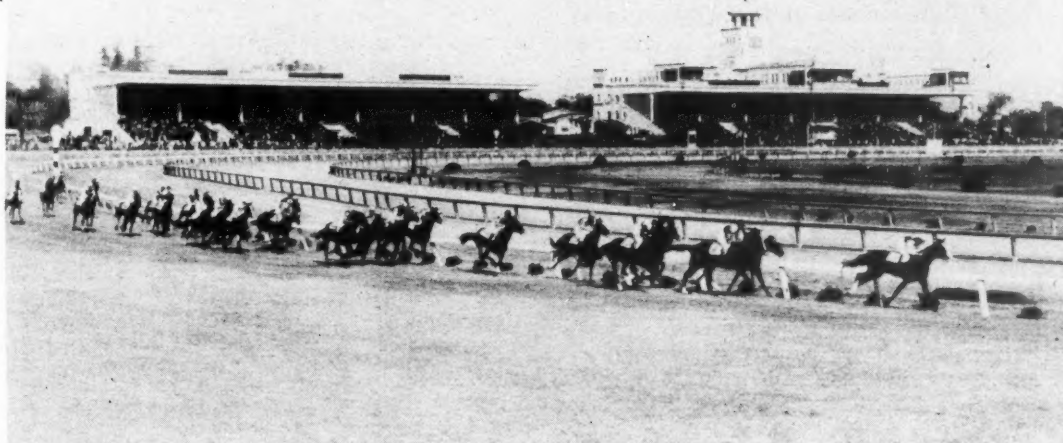
which, in the country of his importation, does not seem to be held against him.

The U. S. strain was carried by an American mare that was renamed Hoshitomo by her Japanese owner. When she arrived she was in foal to Man o'War and in due course produced Tsukitomo, which is now 20 years old and is responsible for 22 winners since being at stud. Other imported sires of note are Primero (Blandford—Athasi) 15 winners; Statesman (Blandford—Dial) 13 winners; Reynold (Gainsborough—Nipisiquit) now dead, 8 winners; and Shian Mor (Buchan—Orless) 10 winners.

Within a comparatively short



KYOTO RACE TRACK. Located in Kyoto City, the very modern racing plant has a 1-1/16-mile track.



TOKYO RACE TRACK. This 1-1/16-mile track is only one in Japan which runs counter-clockwise. It attracts more visitors than any other track and the Japan Derby is run here every year.

time, horse racing was built into one of Nippon's major sports. Classic races were inaugurated along the same lines as the famous races of England. Thus the Satsuki-sho (over 1 1/4 miles) took the place of the Two Thousand Guineas; the Yushun Himba (for fillies, over 1 1/2 miles) was the equivalent of The Oaks; and the Kikuka-Sho (over 1 7/8 miles) took the mantle of the St. Leger. They were apparently unable to dream up anything that came out even remotely like "Derby", so, strangely enough, they called their premier race for 3-year-old colts over 1 1/2 miles "The Japanese Derby". To date, it has been decided 18 times. There is also the Emperor's Cup, over 2 miles, and the Nakayama

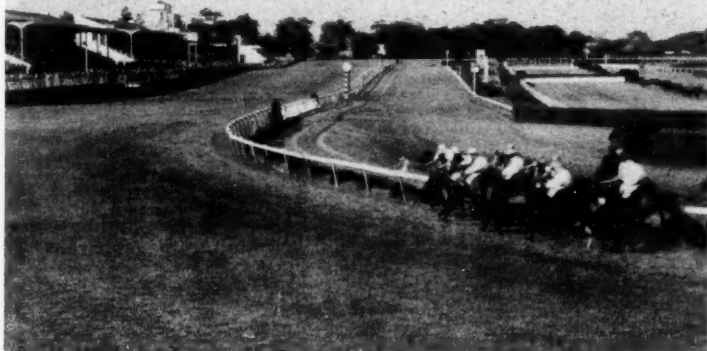
Grand Steeplechase, over the somewhat obscure distance of 2 9/16 miles, which, apparently, is the Japanese answer to the Grand National.

Everything boomed until the commencement of the war with China. From that time on, the Japanese breeding industry has gone steadily downhill, and is still rolling. All racing was completely curtailed during the four Second World War years, and all that had been built up with Japanese thoroughness, came tumbling down along with a lot of other things.

Today, because of inflation, horse racing is again booming in even larger proportions than in pre-war years, but the Japanese breeders cannot supply the market. The normal import trade from Europe and Australia is completely at a standstill, owing to both transportation and currency difficulties. Constant inbreeding to what stallions are remaining has reaped its inevitable reward. The present racing stock is two-fifths of its pre-war figures, while the number of racing days has increased to twice as many as prior to 1941. In that year there were 1,543 Thoroughbred mares in Japan and 80 stallions. Today there are 727 mares and but 71 sires, most of whom are far past their prime. Yet, there are still some 16,000 horses of sorts racing at the 89 tracks, and their 12,000 odd owners are virtually screaming for more and can't get them. In 1950 alone, 1,223 flat races were decided; 299 steeplechases, and even 35 trotting races. Approximately four million cash customers bet around 8 1/2 billion yen, a year. If you feel like translating that into one-dollar bills, the present rate of exchange is 360 yen to the dollar, and should you wish to take my word for it, it comes out to around \$23,600,000.

Eleven of the country's 89 tracks are operated by the Government, while the remaining 78 are local affairs, best likened to our County Fairs. Largely because of the national inflation, no horses are being retired to stud, and the entire structure of the Thoroughbred industry is virtually tottering and teetering. The 11 racing plants run by the government are well laid out, and modern in every sense of that much abused word. Wagering is on the same lines as the English, that is, to win and place, with the place portion covering the show slot as well. They also have a pool on the first two horses to finish which is a quinnella. There is also an abomination, called "The Daily Treble".

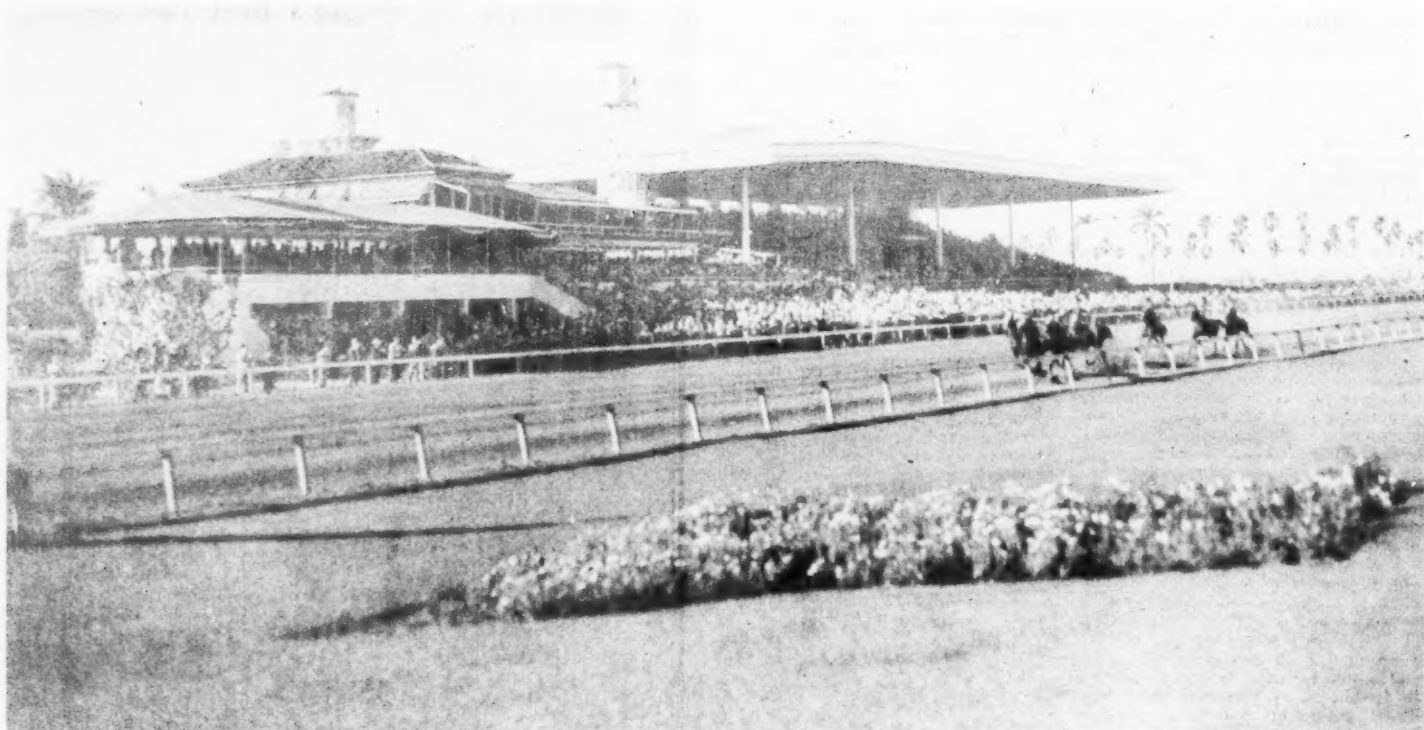
Well, there it is. Quite a pathetic story whichever way you look at it, and no matter how long your memory is. This not only involves people who love the same sport as we do, but it also involves horses, which, since we are all Chronicle readers, presupposes our affection for them. Just one or two well-bred stallions could completely revitalize the entire Japanese racing industry. If any of you have such a stud that is eating his head off and doesn't seem to be making your fortune, you might consider turning him over to the Land of the Rising Sun. It seems to me that it would be quite a nice boast to be able to say that a stallion of yours was top sire of Tokyo last year. Compared to most of the bites emanating from overseas, these days, this one appears to be quite reasonable. Next to the vast amounts for aid to Europe, it is a veritable lagniappe, and has the additional merit of actually "improving the breed". If, after your Christmas dinner, you get to feeling avuncular, bear it in mind.



NAKAYAMA RACE TRACK. Another 1-1/16-mile strip, this is the most beautiful track in Japan. The Nakayama Grand Steeplechase, copying the Grand National, is run here annually.

Racing At Tropical Park

(Tropical Park Photos)



THE FIELD HITTING THE HOME STRETCH AT TROPICAL PARK.



SAUCY DEFEATING ENTRY MATE, Cookie K. Upper right: Saucy in winner's circle with some of her 148 owners.



Saucy

The expense connected with the training and racing of a Thoroughbred has been set down in quite a number of figures, but the conclusion is the same—it cost money to have one's silks carried postward. While the horse may not be able to get into the winner's circle to defray his costs, the owner has to carry on with his checkbook.

One solution of the problem is represented by probably the most publicized 2-year-old filly in racing today. Saucy, the Thoroughbred with more owners than any horse in turf history, goes postward with the hopes of 148 owners behind her. She runs in the name of Little M Farm and all of her winnings go to the Little Mothers Club of Dallas, a charitable organization. To date she has contributed two winner's purses to her favorite charity. Her training expenses are taken care of by assessing her 148 owners and last month each of them received a bill of \$2.57 for her current expenses.

Her owners include many sports notables, turf scribes, columnists, restaurateurs, tycoons of industry, actors and figures of cafe society. Some of them are Seymour Weiss,

steamship magnate; Charles Farrell, night club entertainer; Bob Elliot, sports editor of the Miami Herald; Frank Ortell, turf editor of the New York World-Telegram and Sun; George Krehbiel, turf editor of the Detroit News and Everett Clay, director of publicity at Hialeah race track. Some others are Don Ameche, Jerry Colona, Spencer Drayton (as trustee), Joe Hernandez, Bob Hope, Joe E. Lewis, Ben Lindheimer, Clem McCarthy, Mike Romanoff, Toots Shor, Horace Stoneham, Dan Topping and Adele Rogers St. John. With all these owners, she has only one trainer, W. A. Kelley.

It all started when Kenneth Murchison of Texas bought Liberqueen, Saucy's dam, and gave his fellow Texan, C. "Dick" Anrade, a half interest in her foal of 1919 because the latter arranged a service to Whirlaway. Then Gene Sloane, the New York restaurateur, acquired a quarter interest; after that the number of owners began to snowball.

With training expenses down to a minimum and her winnings going to charity, enthusiasm would be keen should Saucy enter the charmed circle of stakes winners.



CALL OVER, 4-year-old chestnut son of Devil Diver—Duchess Anita, by Count Gallahad, getting a buzz from his mascot, Julia.

Thoroughbreds

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didn't win it? You might as well give him the chloral hydrate yourself.

At the present stage, this is money business, for New York isn't ready yet to legalize lotteries, nor is the country at large. Maybe neither one will ever be. But if financial conditions become desperate enough—I suppose I mean if there are enough investigating committees appointed and appropriated for—lotteries aren't an impossibility. Let's make sure they aren't decided on horse racing.

That Palestinian won the Golden Gate Handicap at Golden Gate Fields was no particular surprise, for Palestinian, when he is sound—which is seldom—is one of the best horses in his crop, which included Ponder and Capot. You will remember, no doubt, that he was prominent in the triple crown events of his year, running second in the Preakness and third in the Derby and Belmont Stakes.

The Golden Gate Handicap moved him into the still select circle of \$300,000 winners. My computation puts his earnings at \$303,525, which puts him just past Zev on the list of American money winners. It is odd, and perhaps salutary, to reflect that Zev's \$303,039 once had him first on this list, and that now he is no better than fortieth.

Palestinian went out with a badly bowed tendon in 1949, after winning the Jersey Stakes and the Empire City Stakes. He returned last year and won the Westchester Handicap and was beaten a neck by County Delight, to which he gave four pounds, in the Gallant Fox. Altogether he's won \$78,250 this year, though it hasn't been possible to race him very much.

Probably I am the last person to notice this, and I am merely mistaking my own ignorance for news. But I puzzled a little over the second horse in the Golden Gate Handicap, an animal named Simonsez. It suddenly came to me that he had to be by Thumbs Up, and of course he is. The Golden Gate represented his best effort, though he had won five overnight races earlier this year. He hasn't won a stakes yet, but he won something called the Berkeley Classified Invitational Handicap, which sounds almost as good.

You got those 48 states yet?

Goff's Sales

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Not only yearlings fetch high prices at Ball'sbridge—on the Friday of horse show week, the chairman of the R. D. S. committee, the Hon. W. E. ("Judge") Wylie, went to £2,700 guineas to secure a 4-year-old potential 'chaser belonging to Charlie McCartan, Highland Chief, by that good sire of 'chasers Tartan out of The Cook by Apron. Highland Chief, a winner over 2 miles on the flat at Mullingar and also of the Armagh Maiden Hurdle at Down Royal, goes back in the tail female to Mizzinette, winner of four races value £1,260, and dam of seven winners including Nearchus, winner of the Irish Two Thousand Guineas.

More romantic tales are told of transactions of Ball'sbridge than are told of any other sales in the world—stories of expensive failures which have never amounted to anything, and of unbelievable bargains which have brought fame and riches to their purchasers. Prime among them is the historic Brown Jack, bought for £110—privately, after having been led from the ring unsold—and winner of £25,000 in stake money; Tipperary Tim, winner of the Grand

National of 1928, sold here as a yearling for 50 gns; and Little Lough Conn, 40 guineas worth under the hammer, which ran 2nd in the Grand National in 1947, Caughoo's year, and was trained by pulling a plough on his owner's farm between races.

Six sales are conducted each year, starting with a mixed bag in February, followed in April by the Punchestown sales—where steeplechasers and hunters are chiefly catalogued—and the horse show sales take place in August. The September sales are the most important from the point of view of yearlings, to which one day is also devoted in October, and the last sales of the year, in November, wind up the year with another mixed sale.

Record prices have in many cases been made since the war, chief among them being the 13,700 guineas paid in 1947 for the yearling colt Peter Flower, by Blue Peter—Solar Flower by Solaris. The yearling filly Fair Edwine by Fair Trial—Edvina made 7,200 guineas the same year, and two years later Scotch Trials foal by Bois Roussel made 2,400 guineas. Top price for a horse in training is the 12,000 gns. paid in 1948 for the brown colt Florescent, by Hyperion—Safari.

The crowds that mingle around the rails, and sit in tiers (the pun is seldom appropriate) around the sales ring, could not be more cosmopolitan—Indian princes; members of the English and Irish aristocracy, the men in tweeds, the women in well-cut suits, pull-on felts and fur coats; the nouveaux riches who feel that to own a racehorse provides an entree into society, trainers and agents wearing squash hats and knowledgeable expressions; earnest young men with small bank balances on the look-out for a likely point-to-point horse, at the right price; farmers, breeders, hangers-on and guinea-hunters—all on the look-out for a bargain, yet prepared to go to a fair price for anything that "looks the goods" and may pay dividends after a period of waiting.

Over it all hangs the lightness that is Ireland, an invisible mist of brogue and badinage and anecdote and charm; the atmosphere which is sought by the visitor and longed for by the exile, remembered long after prices and pedigrees and foolish buys and forced sales are forgotten.

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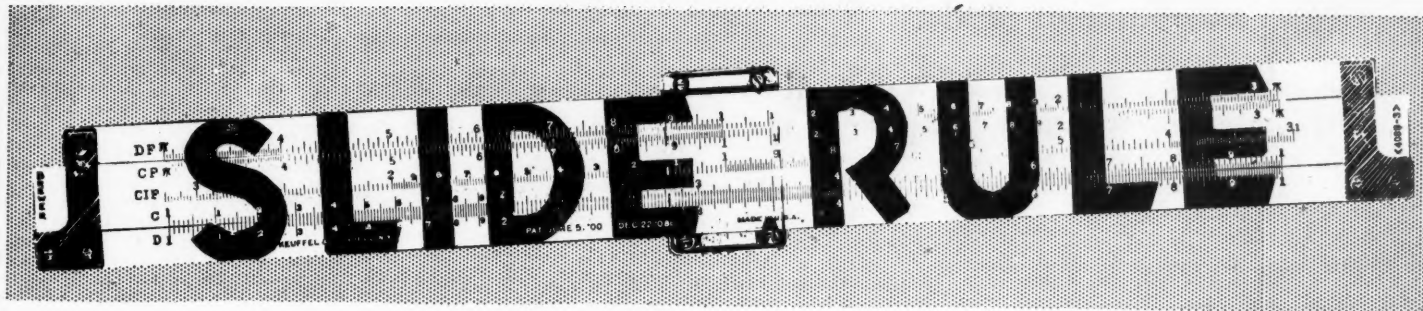
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Alden McKim Crane

There is an old saying, "we learn by our mistakes." One wonders if our military planners have ever heard it. The American Army of World War II, superbly equipped with the most modern mechanical transport, sailed to Italy and was at times completely bogged down by an inadequate highway system, poor terrain, bad weather and blown bridges. Practically any American who served in the combat areas of Italy will agree that animal pack trains would have been of inestimable value in that theater of the War. In addition to the poor roads and other obstacles mentioned, our troops encountered mountainous terrain where trucks and jeeps were useless. So crying was the need for pack trains that many unit commanders organized their own or begged, borrowed, captured and even stole animals.

The same situation is apparent to day with relation to the fighting in Korea. Forward units, when occupying ridges, cannot be adequately supplied and much valuable equipment, which could be saved with pack animals, has to be destroyed or left to fall in enemy hands when units are obliged to withdraw on short notice.

Anyone who has had first hand knowledge of modern war on land can recall instances of traffic jams tying up large bodies of troops. In many cases involved in the traffic jams were trucks carrying urgently

needed supplies to forward elements. In such cases pack trains, which can move along the shoulders of roads beside stalled traffic, or if need be across country, can move much faster than truck trains. And in addition, in some cases can bring supplies much closer to the fighting line.

Few Americans, save those who have traveled abroad, realize the extent our way of life and national economy are geared to our highway systems. Western Europe has fairly adequate highways, but the further East one goes, the worse one finds the roads. And even the best modern automotive equipment such as the army uses must have roads to be of any real value.

Horse cavalry, even in Western Europe, would have great military value in modern war. The Germans realized this in World War II using cavalry to clean up isolated pockets of enemy troops bypassed by the faster moving armored forces. This writer while in Belgium in 1940 saw German horse drawn artillery and cavalry moving in right behind the Panzers. Further, hay and grain to supply the horse outfits was transported in horse drawn carts.

One of the arguments of the modern motorized soldier against horse outfits is that a great deal of shipping space must be taken up with hay, light in weight, but great in bulk. However, in areas where horse and mule outfits would be of the greatest value, obtaining hay and grain locally would be no great problem because the economy of that area, lacking roads and motorized transport, would no doubt be horse drawn transport with farmers raising hay and grain.

Although there was no place for the horse or mule in the North African campaign of World War II where armies moved great distances fast, there is at present a definite place for them for use as horse cavalry, pack artillery and pack trains in Korea where the terrain is rough and the need for them will grow greater if the war spreads to China, or Manchuria where the roads

are few and incapable of supporting heavy traffic.

Should our military planners see the hand writing on the wall and make plans to expand the small nucleus of animal outfits still left in the Army, such plans will have to be broad in scope and far reaching. They just cannot say, "let there be horses and mules" and have them. First they have to find the animals and then plan for replacements and training of personnel to handle them. The horse and mule population of the United States has declined steadily during the last few years. And with our farms mechanized and road transport dependent upon the internal combustion engine, there are few young people qualified to handle pack, draft, or riding animals.

Our only other readily available markets are Canada and Mexico. The former country had only 1,683,000 horses in 1950, while Mexico had 2,722,000 horses and 1,225,000 mules according to the last available figures.

A quick glance at the above figures would indicate that there is a sufficient reserve of animals to take care of any military requirements, however such is not the case because those figures include over-age animals and those, such as Thoroughbreds and heavy draft horses which would not be suitable for modern military needs. What are modern military needs?

The horse for modern horse cavalry should be a tough, short coupled big boned weight carrier with enough agility to scramble over rough country and not over 15.2 or 15.3. This writer lived in Turkey for a number of years and had many friends among the Turkish cavalry officers. On several occasions he went on marches with horse cavalry and was struck by the great distances covered, distances far greater than would be thought practical by our pre-war cavalry. All Turkish cavalrymen were mounted on small horses, none over 15.2, but big little horses. Questioned about this, the Turkish officers answered that when it came to long tough marches those small horses stood up better day in and day out than larger ones. They added that some of their outfits were mounted on Half and three-quarter breeds of 16 to 16.2, but that they could not stand the rough life the smaller horses thrive on. Those animals were fed on chopped wheat straw for bulk and a small amount of grain, and as my friends added, "ate less than the big ones."

Later in Russia in 1936, the writ-

er noted the same type of horse, the horse which the Russians used extensively against German motorized columns in World War II, and which they are still breeding in large numbers for farm and military use.

The ideal pack mule, such as our army used to have, is a small, 14 hands to not over 15 hands well put together animal. A good mule can pack approximately two hundred lbs. and live on less than a horse of the same size.

It is doubtful if there will ever again be a need for horse drawn field artillery, as the modern pack howitzer, can do just about as good a job as the old French 75mm. field gun. However, there will be a need for a limited number of light draft horses for use with pack and horse cavalry outfits.

Where are we to get such animals, once the present reserve is exhausted? If the government can be made to see light, a government subsidized breeding plan could be inaugurated. There are no doubt many farmers who would be interested in taking breeding stock if the government would pay them for their trouble, or guarantee to buy the produce. Then the old remount depots, such as Front Royal and Fort Robinson, Nebraska should be re-activated for producing breeding stock and as gathering places for training and conditioning recently purchased animals.

Training personnel to care for and handle animals could readily be done in the army and at colleges and universities in conjunction with R. O. T. C. programs. If students could be assured of free riding, by taking a course in stable management and horse and mule judging, they would jump at the chance. Horse and mule judging should be part of any such course because qualified buyers will be needed. At the present time, with the exception of a handful of judges, people in the hunting districts, and professional horsemen, there are few people in the country who know what to look for when buying a horse or mule.

One of the greatest needs will be qualified blacksmiths. Most of the older ones are dying off, and few younger ones are taking up the trade in spite of the high wages commanded. However, blacksmiths could be trained by the army.

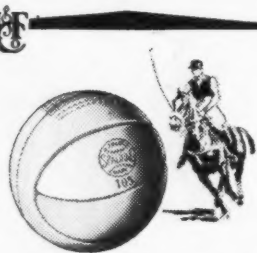
At the present time there are jobs being done with tracks at various army posts which could be done just as well and efficiently with animal drawn or even pack transport. If such means of transportation were utilized a number of men in each organization would be given practical experience in the handling and care of animals. Such experience would be invaluable to the country should the army expand its mounted troops. Some of the jobs which can efficiently be handled by animal drawn transport are hauling rations to organizations, hauling trash, cutting grass, etc.

More in line with strictly military needs pack mules carrying reels of wire for laying telephone lines, can go over and through country which would be impossible for jeeps, or other wire laying vehicles.

The last war was full of instances where lack of gasoline at the front slowed up or even stopped advances. Should the present war expand to the Chinese mainland, this problem will again be encountered and will be more acute because there are not the sea port facilities in Northern China to handle the bulk of material needed to keep a modern mechanized army rolling. And, due to lack of railroads and highways this supply problem will become more acute as an army puts distance between itself and supply bases.

Animal transport would in such a case be extremely valuable and should it be impossible to secure hay and grain locally, such organizations could readily be supplied through air drops. It would be no problem at all to drop bales of hay and sacks of grain, as has been illustrated in the West during bad winters when ranchers could not reach their cattle because of deep snow.

Horse cavalry and pack trains could well spell the differences between defeat and victory for our forces should we be forced to fight in a part of the world where the terrain is not suited to our present highly mechanized army.



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Sandanona Beagles Enjoy Outing On Long Island

On December 9 the Sandanona Beagles from Millwood, N. Y. went to the Long Island country on the invitation of John C. Baker, Jr., Master of the Buckram Beagles.

The meet was held at 2:30 p. m. Atherton's gate in Brookville with 40 in the Field. After a draw of about 20 minutes, Master and Huntsman Morgan Wing, Jr., assisted by Whippers-in Anne Wing and Adele Leavit, cast hounds into a plowed field where a hare was viewed sneaking away by Rockram's Field Master Woody Glenn. Hounds were soon screaming on the line across the plow to a nearby wooded covert. The hare circled in the woods and led the pack back to the plow where she was viewed at a distance by the pack which ran her on sight for close to one-half mile, with hounds steadily gaining in the muddy footing. Sandanona's Trumpeter hauled her down for a kill.

After this fast burst of about 10 minutes, hounds were cast over a macadam road to an adjoining field where John Baker jumped a hare from her form. The pack was quietly cast toward the view and with the hare well on her way, hounds hunted her for 40 minutes to a loss.

Following the hunt the visitors and some members of the local Field joined the Bakers as host and hostess at their home for a tea to end a most delightful day with John Baker and Morgan Wing doing a lot of hound trading. The smiles on their faces indicated that both sides were pleased.

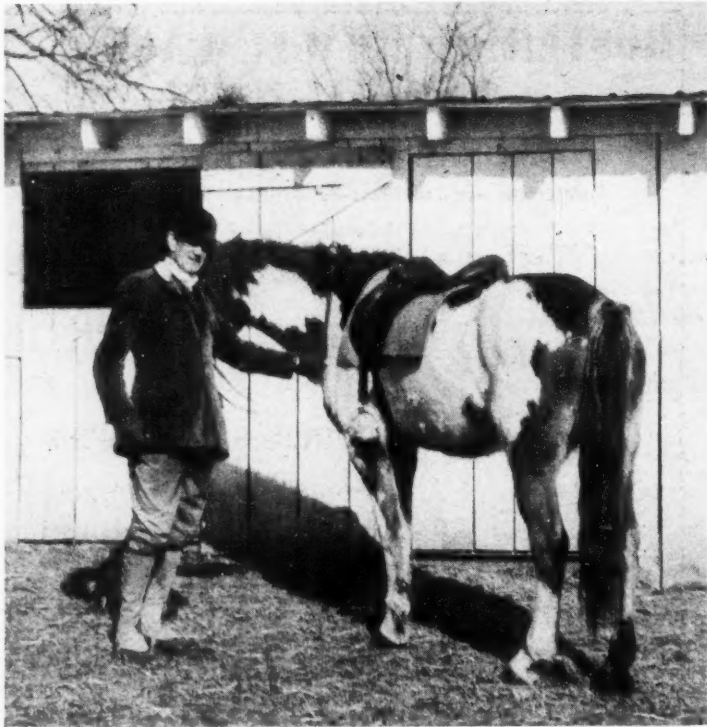
Annual Beagle Trials

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couple packs to struggle bravely up and down the Aldie hills, each huntsman praying for a decent rabbit, preferably one suffering from body odor, and the breaks that make or mar a run. There is only one chance after all the hard work of the previous months and a good many high hopes are very quickly shattered. The results were: Waldingfield 1st, Sandanona 2nd, Waldingfield 3rd and Sir-Sister reserve.

As the packs were run off so expeditiously the committee decided to hold the bench show immediately after lunch and then run the eight-couples. Ike Carrel was the judge and awarded the blue to Buckram's Modesty and 2nd to Liseter's Flute for 13-inch hounds. In the 15-inch, 1st went to Buckram's Barrister second to Waldingfield's Prophet. There were only four of the glamorous eight-couple packs in which three whips are allowed. The entire staff turns out in full livery and the music is wonderful. I still remember a pack of Mrs. duPont's running near the kennels in the rain about three years ago. It was as exciting as a full dress fox hunt and the cry such one wanted to scream and run, too. Treweryn won this year with a very nice hunt, putting the rabbit in a hollow log directly behind the Treweryn cabin into which at midnight Patches, the Iselins' old pony, was led by unknown characters and tied to the Master Dave Sharp's bunk. Aldie has some very fine old traditions. Waldingfield was 2nd, Buckram 3rd, and Lister reserve.

The Buckram and Sandanona entertained on Saturday evening with



JUDGE WILFRED ATKINSON, huntsman for R. V. N. Gambrell's Vernon-Somerset for 27 years. The Vernon-Somerset was outstanding at Gladstone, N. J. the early part of the year and was missed at the National.

some very fine Martinis mixed by Jack Eyre. After dinner the annual meeting was held in the Institute

be greatly missed. New members were duly proposed and seconded. There was a general discussion of the rabbits and further clearing of the grounds for which donations will be willingly accepted. More publicity is wanted and pictures in prominent places. A letter of thanks was sent to Betty Iselin for all her work and so to bed to let the "merry beaglers" carry on to the gray light of yet another beautiful day.

The best hunting we had was on Sunday at the Russell Farm in the 13-inch three-hour stake with eleven entries. The Sir-Sister ladies had been sent over to the Russell Farm by Capt. Iselin to scout for rabbits. We went twice and walked about five miles and over about 15 acres to report exactly one rabbit. It was definitely embarrassing then when the 13 hounds and Huntsman Morgan Wing, Jr. found 11 rabbits in as many minutes! This country is very open and very beautiful with splendid views toward the Blue Ridge. Many rabbits were run until in the last hunt, with all but six hounds eliminated, a rabbit got up and really ran so fast, straight and hard that Morgan decided it was a fox and tried to blow them off to no avail until Brer Rabbit met a sudden end in a briar patch between Ebro's jaws. First was Sis-Sister Ebro, 2nd Buckram Barmaid, 3rd Sir-Sister Benefit, reserve Waldingfield problem.

The 15-inch three-hour stake with eleven entries and Morgan again huntsman was then started, unfortunately not in the same place but back of the Institute and on to the Clifford Farm. All rabbits had disappeared so that after three hours of long, gruelling work, with sore feet and backs, it was decided to lunch and as the judges had been unable to come to any decision, having seen no hounds hunt enough to score them decided: (a) to give it up or (b) start another three hours some place else. Beaglers and beagles are made of very durable stock and down they went again for close to two hours to have the winner Wolver Melton, 2nd Sandanona Melody, 3rd Buckram Merry-maker, and 4th Sandanona Myrmidon.

At lunch Mrs. Tuckerman of Waldingfield was handed the biggest punch bowl in America, the Robert P. W. Harrison Memorial Trophy, for winning the most points among the packs. Now all the awards had been won in the incredibly fast, hectic four days. The packs must fold their tents and be gone for the single men were already clamoring to begin. One last supper with the Iselins, one last look at the beloved place and home again until next year.



TIME OUT BEFORE ANOTHER CAST. One and all rested before beagles were cast during the 15" three-hour stake.



SANDANONA FOUR COUPLE. Morgan Wing, Jr., Master and huntsman with Whipper-ins (l. to r.) Anne Wing and Adele Leavit.

and one had a chance to see everyone gathered and sort out who was there and vice versa. Bennett Perry managed to come for 24 hours with his usual stories and ancient corn. My niece, Barry Whittall, with a new green coat, was there, also the usual bevy of beauties from Treweryn. George Pettus seems to have married the girl what he brung last year, but was detained by business as were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Snowden, who have made the trip to Aldie from Canada an annual visit.

It may be a little late to mention them, but the trails did have two judges, Dean Bedford again and Wilf Atkinson who for so many years as huntsman did so well with the Vernon Somerset on these same hills and this year won almost everything for R. V. N. Gambrell at Gladstone, N. J. The efficient secretary, Morgan Wing, Jr. was appointed to send off a telegram to Mr. Gambrell congratulating him on 40 years of successful beagling. Another telegram was sent to N. W. Pepple's widow; "Pep" died suddenly just before the trials and will

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FOREWORD

Morgan Wing, Jr.

Secretary, National Beagle Club

There are fifteen packs of beagles registered with the National Beagle Club, one pack of bassets, and one pack of harriers. During the past year two beagle packs were dropped due to inactivity from our list of active packs, a fact which we greatly regret.

As stated last year, the objective of the National Beagle Club is to improve in the field and on the bench the beagle in America and to encourage beagling, including holding field trials and registering packs of beagles. In an effort to further the sport of beagling through the establishment of new packs, the executive committee through the pages of The Chronicle announced a plan to help new beagle packs get started. Briefly, the registered packs have joined together to sell at a reasonable price, well bred, pack broken, hunting beagles to anyone interested in starting a new pack. Their pack trained beagles would not be available to the purchaser of single beagles from the ordinary beagle kennel.

Beagling, or hunting the hare on foot, following a pack of hounds, is one of the oldest forms of hunting, being well established long before the first fox hunting pack in England was ever thought of. It is one of the best schools of fox hunting and a great many of America's foremost Masters of fox hounds started hunting when they were children with a pack of beagles.

Any thoughtful Master of foxhounds would welcome the establishment of a pack of beagles in his country as he knows it will instill a love of hunting, sportsmanship and country life in the younger members of the community. In this connection we understand that there is some thought being given to establishing a pack of beagles in the fox hound country of the Rolling Rock Hunt, Ligonier, Pa. We hope that this pack will become a reality and we all stand ready to help with hounds.

No large draft of beagles is available from any pack, however, each is willing to sell a few. The secretary of the National Beagle Club, Morgan Wing, Jr., Millbrook, N. Y., will welcome any letters of inquiry on the subject and will be pleased to be of assistance in the mechanics of starting a pack of beagles.

May our sport continue to grow and flourish during the coming year.

BETHEL LAKE BEAGLES

Sewell,
New Jersey.

Established 1933.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, orange collar, blue piping. Master and Huntsman: Thomas L. Grier. Whippers-in: (Honorary) Carl A. Robinson. (Professional) George Star, 13½ couples, 15 inch beagles are kennelled at Bethel Lake Farm, R. D. No. 2, Sewell, Gloucester County, New Jersey.

Hounds meet 55 times last season between September 1st and April 1st. Cottontail rabbits are hunted on the grounds of the Delesea Beagle Club. Jack rabbits and native brown hare are hunted on nearby farmland and orchards and also large dairy country some miles northeast. The Buckram Beagles were guests four times last season and the Treweyn Beagles once. Present pack stems directly from a Vernon-Somerset draft combined with Treweyn blood.

BUCKRAM BEAGLES

Upper Brookville,
L. I., N. Y.

Established 1934.

Subscription pack. Owned by the members, others may subscribe and hunt by invitation of the committee. Hunt livery and colors: Green, gray collar; evening: green, gray silk facings. Master: (1938) John C. Baker, Jr. Honorary Secretary: Thomas J. Halliwell, Jr. Huntsman: The Master. Assistant Huntsman: Dr. Joseph B. Conolly, Jr. Whippers-in: (Honorary) John L. Eyre, Henry B. Thompson III, Eleanor Ainsworth, Jessie Pennoyer. Kennelmen: Gerald Elalason. 15 couples 13-inch beagles. Kennels at Upper Brookville. Hunt hare and cottontails October to end of March, Sundays, Wednesdays and holidays and informally on Saturdays.

Country hunted about 20 by 10 miles, rolling, open, mostly plow, much woodland.

ELLSON BEAGLES

New Castle,
Delaware.

Established 1946.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, light brown collar. Master: (1946) Paul E. Wilson. Huntsman: The Master. Twelve couples 13-inch beagles. Cubbing begins in August. Hunting November first through March 15th. Hounds meet regularly on all Sundays during the season and on week days at the Master's convenience.

Hounds hunt on hare in the country of the Stockford Beagles by courtesy of its Master and in country near Guycourt, Del. and hunt on cottontail in home country south of New Castle.

KINGSLAND BEAGLES

Easton,
Maryland.

Established 1933.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, old gold collar with scarlet piping. Master: Philip K. Crowe. Honorary Secretary: Irene Crowe. Whippers-in: (Honorary) Philippa and Rene Crowe. Kennel huntsman: (Professional) August Martinson. Five couple 15-inch beagles. Kennels: "Third Haven", Easton Md. Fox and hare hunted from September through March. Hounds meet Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Hounds are hunted mounted and there is a limited supply of horses available locally. Hunting by invitation only. Country is approximately ten miles by five with some panelling.

LISETER BEAGLES

Newtown Square,
Pennsylvania.

Established 1928.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, dark blue collar, light blue piping. Master: Mrs. J. Austin du Pont. Huntsman: (Professional) Jack Carson. Whipper-in: (Professional) Albert Thomas. 20 couples 13-inch and 6 couples 15-inch beagles. Hunt three days a week on cottontail rabbits by appointment.

MONMOUTH COUNTY HUNT

Box 589, Red Bank,
New Jersey.

Established 1885.

Public pack, supported by subscriptions. Hunt livery and colors: (Foxhounds), scarlet, maroon collar; (harriers), green, maroon collar with yellow piping; evening—scarlet, maroon collar, scarlet facings. Master: (1933) Amory L. Haskell. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. George S. Howell. Huntsman: (professional) Albert Smith. Whippers-in: Miss Isabelle Haskell and Mrs. George S. Howell. Kennelmen: Charles J. Holmewood. Foxhounds: 50 couples harriers. Kennels at Woodland Farm, Red Bank. Hare and fox hunting: October to March, two days a week (Wednesday and Saturday). Members of other hunts cordially invited to hunt, cap \$10. Hotel accommodations at Molly Pitcher Hotel, Red Bank, 5 miles from kennels. Hunters cannot be rented. Hounds went out 22 times last season. Monmouth County Hunt Race Meet, Woodland Farm around 3rd week of October.

Country is approximately 30 by 35 miles; mixed hilly and lowland country, under cultivation. Rail fences and chicken coops. Can be reached from New York in one hour and a quarter.

RAYNHAM BEAGLES

Raynham Hall,
Keswick,
Virginia.

Established 1948.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, collar same. Master: Mrs. Edward H. Carle. (Honorary) Secretary: Edward H. Carle. Huntsman: The Master. Kennel Huntsman and First Whipper-in: (Professional) C. Hughes. Second Whipper-in: (Honorary) Jake Carle. 8 couples, 15-inch beagles. Kennels: Keswick, Virginia. Season about September 1 to April 1, generally three days a week. Hunt cottontail rabbits.

The country hunted is the Keswick by permission of the Master.

SANDANONA BEAGLES

Millbrook,
New York.

Established 1948.

Private pack with some support from voluntary contributions. Hunt livery and colors: green, yellow collar with gray piping. Master: Morgan Wing, Jr. Honorary Secretary and (1st) Whipper-in: (Honorary) Jake Carle. 8 couples, 15-inch beagles. Kennels: Keswick, Virginia. Season about September 1 to April 1, generally three days a week. Hunt cottontail rabbits.

Country is rolling farm and woodland and is hunted by permission of the Master of the Millbrook Hunt.

SIR-SISTER BEAGLES

Natick,
Massachusetts.

Established 1908.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green coat, scarlet collar; evening—green coat, scarlet collar, white waistcoat with hunt buttons and black breeches. Masters: Chestwood Smith and Henri F. Prunaret. Honorary Secretary and Treasurer: Richardson Harwood. Huntsman: Henri F. Prunaret. Whippers-in: (Honorary) Mrs. Henri F. Prunaret and Mrs. Edward Dane. 10½ couples, 15 and 13-inch beagles. Hunt cottontail rabbits October through March. Strangers and visitors permitted to hunt by invitation.

STOCKFORD BEAGLES

Fairville,
Pennsylvania.

Established 1932.

Private pack. Supported by the Master. Hunt livery and colors: Green collar with gold piping. Master: (1932) Alfred E. Bissell. Huntsman: The Master. Kennels near Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania. Cubbing starts in August. Hunting: October 15th to March 15th. Seven couples 13-inch beagles. Hounds meet at the convenience of the Master.

Country hunted is within a radius of three miles of the kennels. It is a rolling country, consisting in the main of farmland with some woods.

TANTIVY BEAGLES

Henderson,
North Carolina.

Established 1924.

Private pack, supported by the Master. Hunt livery and colors: Green, black collar with silver piping. Master and Huntsman: Bennett H. Perry. Six couples 15-inch beagles, hunted at the convenience of the Master on native cottontail rabbits in the vicinity of Henderson, North Carolina.

TIMBER RIDGE BASSETS

Hampstead,
Maryland.

Established 1946.

Supported by subscriptions. Hunt livery and colors: Green collar with gold piping; evening, same. Master and Huntsman: Charles R. Rogers. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. Charles Morrow. Field Masters: Mr. George Bingham, Mr. Victor Weybright. Whippers-in: (Honorary) Miss Amelia Fisher, Mrs. John Bayley, Mr. Robert Shirley.

Basset hounds: 14 couples, hunting cotton-

tail, Kansas jack, and fox. Season: October 1 to March 1, two days a week, Saturdays or Sundays and Wednesdays. Kennels at Timber Ridge Farm, Hampstead, Md. Hounds out 46 times last season. Country grass, woodland, and cultivated, in Baltimore, Hartford, and Carroll Counties and hunted by courtesy of local hunts.

TREWEYN BEAGLES

Berwyn,
Pennsylvania.

Established 1924.

A subscription pack, hunting the Radnor Hunt country in Chester County. Hunt livery and colors: Green, with Yale blue collar and brown piping. Evening—coat green with blue collar, brown piping and blue facings. Master: Since 1930 David B. Sharp, Jr. Whippers-in: (Honorary) A. William Battin, James E. Lamb, Jr., Richard H. Thompson and W. W. Frazier, 4th. Kennel Huntsman: (professional) Lawrence Brautigam.

Twenty couples 13-inch beagles. Foundation stock from the English Thorpe Satchville, Mr. Reynald's and Trestlebrook Beagles.

Game hunted, Kansas jack rabbit and native cottontail rabbits. Hounds hunt three days a week with formal meets on Sundays, August 20th to April 1st. Country, gently rolling farm land with small coverts.

VERNON-SOMERSET BEAGLES

Peapack,
New Jersey.

Established 1912.

Private pack with no dues or capping fees. Livery and colors: Green, white collar and a scarlet piping. Master: Richard V. N. Gambrill. Huntsman: (professional) Wilfred Atkinson and Whippers-in: Miss Moira Atkinson, Mrs. Rebecca Trimpi (Honorary) and Miss Peggy Wemple. It is necessary for the Hunt Staff to be mounted in order to properly control the pack, as the country is alive with deer and foxes. Whippers-in: (Honorary) Ben Johnson, James Casey and Louis Starr who whip on foot.

25 couples of 15-inch beagles. Kennels at Peapack, N. J. Hounds hunt every Sunday from the middle of October to the middle of March, weather permitting, with an occasional bye day in the middle of the week. Everyone is cordially invited. The country hunted is roughly a square 15 miles on each side. Best hotel accommodations are at the Gladstone Inn, Gladstone, N. J.

It is a rolling agricultural country about half woodland, and half pasture and plow. At present the hares are very scarce. The pack hunts entirely on hares.

The Vernon-Somerset are a combination of the Somerset Beagles founded in 1888 by Mr. George B. Post, of Bernardsville, N. J., and the Vernon Place Beagles founded by Mr. Richard V. N. Gambrill of Peapack, N. J. in 1912. The two packs were combined in 1922 when Mr. Post retired and gave his pack to Mr. Gambrill.

WALDINGFIELD BEAGLES

Westwood,
Massachusetts.

Established 1886.

Hunt livery and colors: Green, collar, yellow. Master: (from 1886 to 1940) James W. Appleton; Masters: (from 1940) Mrs. Bayard Tuckerman, Jr. and Josiah H. Child. Honorary Secretary: Bayard Tuckerman, Jr. Huntsman: Josiah H. Child. Kennel Huntsman: (Professional) Leslie J. Brown. Whipper-in: (Honorary) Miss Millicent B. Wittall. 12 couples of 13-inch beagles. Kennels: Clapboardtree Street, Westwood, Mass. Hounds are hunted regularly on cottontail rabbits from September to April in Norfolk County and Westport, Mass. Fixture cards sent out for meets in March and April.

THE WHITFORD BEAGLES

Gates Mills,
Ohio.

Established 1930.

Subscription pack owned by Horatio Ford. Subscriptions, contributions and cap fees. Hunt livery and colors: Green collar peacock blue; evening—same. Joint-Masters and Huntsmen: Horatio Ford and Andrew Ford. Honorary Secretary: Mrs. Gerard B. Townsend. Field Master: Mr. Gerard B. Townsend. Whippers-in: (Honorary) Lawrence S. Barrus, John L. Dampier, Dr. Robert S. Stockton, Don Melica, Andrew C. Ford.


Ten couples, 14 inches and under, hunting the registered country of the Chagrin Valley Foxhounds. Cottontails from October to January, hare up to Easter. Sunday fixtures and mid-week bye-hunts. Address Horatio Ford, Williamson Building, Cleveland 14, Ohio.

WOLVER BEAGLES

Middleburg,
Virginia.

Established 1913.

Private pack. Hunt livery and colors: Green, buff collar, light blue piping. Master: (1913) C. Oliver Iselin, Jr. Huntsman: The Master. Whipper-in: (Professional) Charles E. Kirk. 8 couples 15-inch beagles. Kennels at Aldie, Va. Hunt cottontail rabbits September 1 to March 31, at Master's convenience. Strangers or visitors welcome. A rolling country approximately 15 by 20 miles.



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Timber Ridge Bassets Show Good Sport As They Start Sixth Year

The Timber Ridge Bassets of Hampstead, Maryland, now in their sixth year of hunting, began the season 1951-52 with a pre-season innovation in August. Though a purely social gathering, the occasion was arranged to acquaint new members with the history and activity of following bassets and to give them an opportunity of meeting other regu-

lar members of the Field. Charles R. Rogers, Master and owner of the pack of 12 couple, gave an eloquent and often witty dissertation on the nature of basset hounds and the tradition and background of the Timber Ridge pack in particular. He outlined the duties of the hunt staff and presented the obligations and privileges of the Field with wisdom and humor. The hunt staff consists of: whippers-in: Mrs. Charles R. Rogers, Mrs. John Bayley, Robert Shirley, and Elwood Boblits whose speedy running is an inspiration to both the hunt staff and the Field. Joseph W. Shirley and George H.

Bingham are Field Masters. Mrs. Joseph W. Shirley efficiently handles that laborious and thankless job as hunt secretary.

The Timber Ridge Bassets at the present time hunt three counties: Baltimore, Harford and Carroll, through the courtesy of the Green Spring, Elkridge-Harford and Carrollton Hunt Clubs. With the exception of a few days of inclement weather, the Master has hunted regularly twice a week. Wednesday meets are usually held near the kennels in Baltimore County, with a small but enthusiastic Field of followers. Saturday or Sunday meets bring out a Field of one hundred or more members and guests of all ages. We are gratified to see an increasing number of younger members turning out at these hunts. They have a keen interest in hound work and the necessary stamina to keep up with these deep-throated hounds.

Although Cottontail and Kansas Jack are the predominant quarry of the Timber Ridge Bassets, often, excellent runs have been enjoyed on both red and grey fox with an occasional sprint on a very fit barn cat.

An extra curricular activity on the fixture of the current season occurred on the afternoon of November 11, when the Timber Ridge Bas-

sets were invited to show their style at the Eastern National Livestock Show at the Timonium Fair Grounds. The Master, assisted by the hunt staff, put on a beautiful exhibition in the ring before a group of over two thousand spectators. Undeterred by the usual distractions of a livestock show, they packed in tightly, ran smartly, and responded instantly to the calls of the horn. The audience, composed largely of livestock breeders and their families from all over the country, found the demonstration a high point of interest; many of them had never seen a basset before, much less a disciplined pack in action. Following this event a drag was laid over the Fair Grounds and finished on the race-track in front of the grandstand, where less active spectators heard and enjoyed with enthusiasm the deep bell noted music of these unusual hounds. A large group of active spectators extended themselves to keep close to hounds for a swift finish.

On November 24, the Timber Ridge Bassets met at 11:00 A. M. at Chartley Farm, home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Shirley. Hounds were blessed according to custom by the Rev. Austin Schildwachter, Rector of the Church of the Ascension, Westminster, Md. The day was damp and cold with scenting conditions good and hounds in fine form. Because of the Thanksgiving holidays, numerous younger members from school and college followed hounds for more than three hours, returning after an active hunting day of good sport to the Shirley home for lunch.

One of the recent popular innovations on the fixture card has been moonlight hunts whenever possible during a full moon. These occasions draw a large Field by their gay and festive air.

At the present time the Timber Ridge Bassets is the only recognized basset pack in this country. Hounds descend from the famous Walhampton pack in England and have since been crossed with some of the best bred bassets in this country. It is hoped that similar packs may be developed and provide this friendly sport to other groups.

The hunting season extends from October through March and is climaxed by a drag over a section of the most typical of our hunting country. On this occasion the fleet-footed members of the Field follow hounds and compete for silver trophies. One to the gentlemen and one to the ladies.

The Master and his committee do their best to provide sport for young and old. Besides the country members, many Baltimoreans have joined during the past few seasons, and other members from New York and Washington frequently attend. Members combine their forces and offer delightful country buffet suppers in their homes after a cold day's sport. Then the Field and their guests gather round the fire for good food and talk of the day's hunting activities. An afternoon of sport in the country, combined with this congeniality of the hearth, affords a pleasant country way of life.

—H. F. S.

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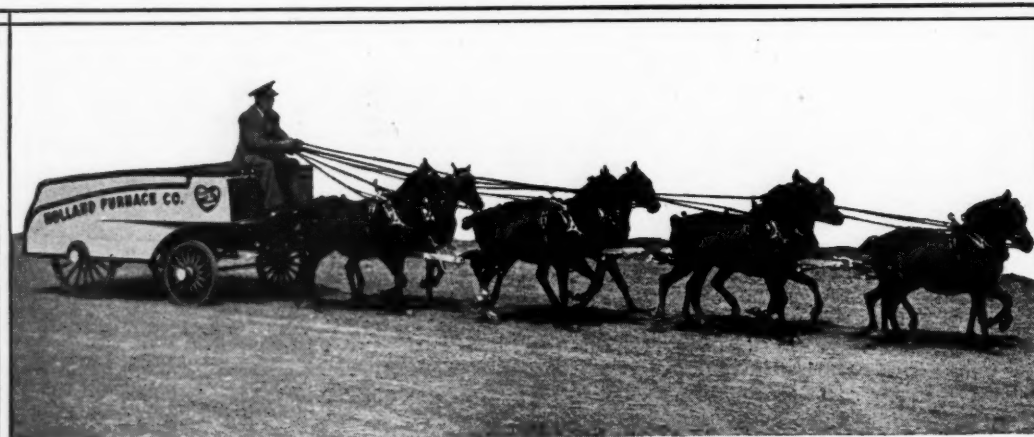
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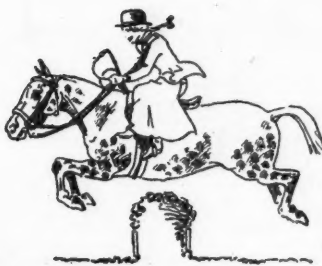
Horse Shows

WEEKLY NEWS

FROM THE

Nancy G. Lee

SHOW CIRCUITS



Ashantee Riding Club

The winter series of horse shows started at the Ashantee Riding hall with a junior event. Jim Forman was the high scorer of this show with 4 firsts, a 2nd and 2 thirds. He was riding his father's Omaha 3-year-old filly and his 3-year-old Which Mate gelding, and both horses went like real campaigners. In fact, the whole Forman family took home a carload of ribbons and trophies.

This was a good horse show as the children seemed to have the right spirit and certainly they have a good deal of ability. The horsemanship over jumps class was well filled and it was good to note that the youngsters had made good improvement since the last junior horse show.

SHOW CORRESPONDENT
Michael Kelley

PLACE: Avon, N. Y.
TIME: November 25.
JUDGE: Robert Dygert.

SUMMARIES

Children's horsemanship, 12 and under, walk and trot—1. Sally Forman; 2. Pete Schmidt; 3. William Schmidt; 4. Kathie Allen.
Children's horsemanship, 12 and under—1. Patty Calkins; 2. Kathie Allen; 3. Tim Buckley; 4. William Bailey.
Children's horsemanship—1. Toddy Messler; 2. Elaine Knight; 3. Peter Schmidt; 4. Sally Forman.
Horsemanship, 18 and under—1. Jim Forman; 2. Elaine Knight; 3. Dave Forman; 4. Toddy Messler.
Children's hunters—1. Jim Forman; 2. Sally Forman; 3. Jim Forman; 4. Jake Schoelkoff.
Horsemanship over jumps—1. Jim Forman; 2. Barbara Linfoot; 3. Toddy Messler; 4. Sally Forman.

Pony jumpers—1. Jim Forman; 2. Betsy Buckley; 3. Elaine Knight.
Children's jumpers—1. Dave Forman; 2. Jake Schoelkoff; 3. Jim Forman; 4. Barbara Linfoot.
Pleasure horses—1. Peter Schmidt; 2. Jake Schoelkoff; 3. Toddy Messler; 4. William Schmidt.

International Livestock Exposition

Copperfield, Mrs. Hawkins Gentry's "look of eagles" bay horse, pointed his little ears and set sail over the jumps at the International Show to pretty much dominate the hunter ranks. His stablemate, Capt. Fritz Bay, did not seem to be feeling too well through most of the International, after his jaunt to Canada, but came through with flashy, flying chestnut colors to be pinned hunter champion ahead of Copperfield. Lady Gordon and Central Drive, two good bays of the Si Jayne stables, were stiff competition with Central Drive being top middle-heavy of the show.

Patrick Burke's The Owl, one of the hardest working, most consistent going horses of the show, should have ended up with a broken heart. Although he did win the hunters and jumpers touch and out, so, also, did he definitely win the \$300 amateur hunter or jumper stake which required an amateur owner and an amateur rider. Obviously, the prize list could not have been read very carefully when his entries were made, so The Owl was disqualified after jumping off to win the blue,

and all places were moved up one, putting Harold Marzano's Goldenwood on top.

The same jockey was on both Velvet Lady and The Owl in the jumpers knock-down-and-out at 5'-0" in the jump-off. Velvet Lady jumped clean over the 8 jumps. Then came The Owl. He continued clean over 7 fences when he was pulled up and taken out of the ring. This gave the class to Velvet Lady, leaving astonishment and bad taste in the mouths of all spectators. After all, it is the horse and its performance which is being judged, particularly in the open classes. Whatever the reason, the horses were not entered under the same owner. In the minds of all there, someone definitely "threw the race", so to speak.

Be that as it may, the International was a thrill as always, being the top gaited, harness, roadster and hackney show in the country, to say nothing of the livestock and draft horse departments, which are terrific and always amazing. The awe-inspiring 4-H Club turnout makes one stop to realize what a tremendously wonderful job is being done with the agricultural youth of today.

There are not quite enough classes to intrigue the hunter and jumper people, which left that department pretty much on the light and local side this year. By the same token, the only children's forward seat class, the Town and Country senior championship forward seat, 13 through 18, produced only 7 entries out of the many who qualified during the summer. Most of the

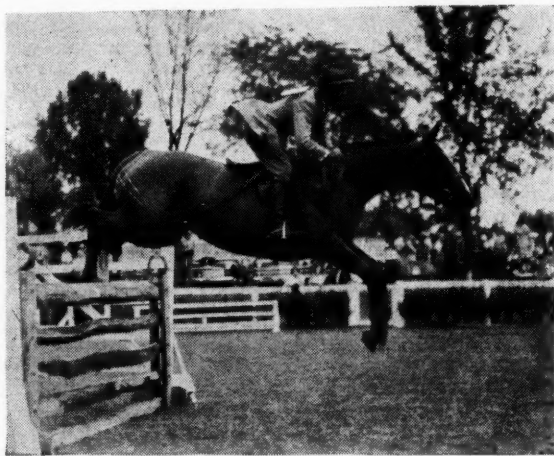
children shipped in that day and the horses behaved accordingly, by being fascinated with everything else except the job at hand. The children seemed a bit confused and all in all, it was not quite representative of what these young people can really do. Nevertheless, Miss Elaine Archambault on her honest George Humphreys, gave the nicest, quietest, most even going performance to win the tri-color with Miss Joyce Ruthy a close reserve.

PLACE: Chicago, Ill.
TIME: November 24-December 1.
CH. HORSEMANSHIP (forward seat): Elaine Archambault.
Res.: Joyce Ruthy.
JUMPER CH.: Velvet Lady, Si Jayne.
Res.: Watch Me, Si Jayne.
HUNTER CH.: Captain Fritz Bay, Mrs. Hugh Gentry.
Res.: Copperfield, Mrs. Hugh Gentry.

SUMMARIES

Hunters and jumpers—1. Cadet, Frank M. Jayne, Jr.; 2. Super Chief, Ten Pin Farm; 3. Happy Day, Frank M. Jayne, Jr.; 4. My Surprise, Si Jayne.
Hunters and jumpers—1. My Surprise, Si Jayne; 2. Pixie, Ed Kinney; 3. Three Feathers, Nora K. Walker; 4. Happy Day.
Hunters and jumpers—1. The Owl, Patrick Burke; 2. Coed, Sportsman's Stables; 3. Arab Fancy, Dolores Barrett; 4. Sky Skipper, Suzanne Norton.
Hunters—1. Copperfield, Mrs. Hugh Gentry; 2. Lady Gordon, Si Jayne; 3. Boy Charming, Kay McLaughlin; 4. Tug O'War, Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobsen.
Jumpers—1. Velvet Lady, Si Jayne; 2. Three Feathers; 3. Pixie; 4. Andy Over, Shoe Me Stables.
Hunters and jumpers—1. The Master, Mrs. A. R. Anderson; 2. Arab Fancy; 3. My Surprise; 4. The Owl.
Corinthian—1. Lady Gordon; 2. Central Drive, Si Jayne; 3. Copperfield; 4. Goldenwood, Ten Pin Farm.
Hunters—1. Central Drive; 2. Reno Bounce, Henry F. Hulick; 3. Aristocrat, Ten Pin Farm; 4. Captain Fritz Bay, Mrs. Hugh Gentry.
Working hunter—1. Copperfield; 2. Central Drive; 3. Lady Gordon; 4. Coed.
\$300 amateur stake—1. Goldenwood; 2. Arab Fancy; 3. Wings, D. D. Jayne; 4. Fan Fare, Franny Blunt; 5. Super Chief, Ten Pin Farm.
Ladies' hunters—1. Copperfield; 2. Lady Gordon; 3. Central Drive; 4. Tug O'War.
\$1,000 champion jumper stake—1. Velvet Lady; 2. Watch Me; 3. Bobby, Gloria A. Lemke; 4. My Surprise; 5. Three Feathers; 6. Ballerina, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Lower; 7. Cadet; 8. Andy Over.
Jumpers—1. Murphy, F. O. Walker; 2. Watch Me; 3. The Owl; 4. Velvet Lady.
Touch and out for jumpers—1. Velvet Lady; 2. Little Chief; 3. Three Feathers; 4. Murphy.
Jumpers, knock-down-and-out—1. Velvet Lady; 2. The Owl; 3. Bobby; 4. Murphy.
\$1,000 champion hunter stake—1. Captain Fritz Bay; 2. Copperfield; 3. Central Drive; 4. Lady Gordon; 5. Aristocrat; 6. Goldenwood; 7. Incognito, Ronald Lee Sabath; 8. Tug O'War.

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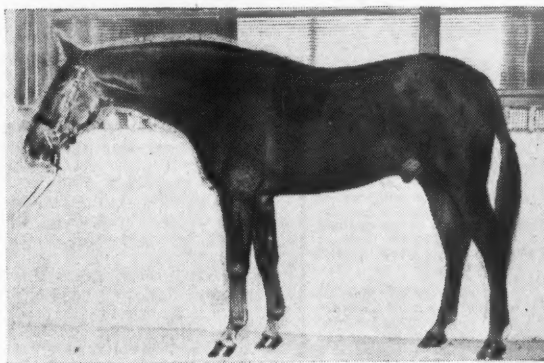
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Peter Anderton

Editor's Note: At the request of The Chronicle, Peter Anderton an English dealer and well known horseman has kindly written some remarks of his recent trip to this country. His observations are principally of the hunting and shows he saw while here and his point of view on our sport makes a good, if somewhat flattering commentary. We are much indebted to Mr. Anderton for his trouble over this story and hope he will be back with us soon either with or without horses.

Having recently returned from an 8 weeks' visit to the Eastern part of the States, I thought possibly you might be interested in some of my observations. My excuse for a trip to the States was somewhat unusual—to deliver some horses, and at the same time inwardly hoping for further business.

After a lengthy and bad crossing, the horses duly arrived in New York and were conveyed by truck all the way up to the Metamora country, 60 odd miles south of Detroit. There I was very warmly welcomed by Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Thom, the former being the Master of the Metamora Hounds, and I was entertained for a fortnight with the usual American hospitality.

I was greatly impressed and very

interested in the way they hunt and run a pack of hounds in those parts. It was an exceptionally attractive bit of country—very undulating, well wooded, and had an abundance of foxes, and I was superbly mounted on 5 occasions, enjoying some really good hunts.

The hunt were lucky enough to have a first class huntsman, and I understand he has been with that particular pack for nearly 20 years. Born and bred in Virginia, he was a natural huntsman and his fox hunting instincts and wood lore were second to none. Over this long period of time he had built up a very attractive pack of hounds, exceptionally well matched, and true to the old American type of hound. They proved to be very fleet of foot, with exceptional drive and the best of tongue, natural workers, with tireless energy, and I am convinced that they would have taken a lot of keeping up with if they had ever been produced in the pre-War shires of England when that country was all grass and no wire and one could ride straight. The kennels and hunt club are extremely well run, thanks to the tireless energy of the Master and Secretary, and the club is a most congenial meeting place.

I was greatly impressed by the standard of riding and high class horses which are used to follow hounds. A high class horse is certainly needed to keep hounds in view when they really go, and I thought one of the greatest pleasures was that one could always get about and was seldom if ever held up.

The country is well fenced, chiefly by timber of a reasonable height, which gives everyone a chance.

However, I feel I must make one unkind remark and that is that although a stranger to the country, I got the impression that one or two followers do not fully appreciate all they are getting in return for so little, but I suppose that is the case in every country.

After bidding adieu to the Metamora country, I went down to Washington and there again I was made very welcome by the Fenwick's of Glyndon, Maryland—an exceptionally charming young couple, who run a hunting establishment and farm combined on very business like lines. Again I was mounted on some very high class horses and had some pleasant days' hunting with the

Green Spring Valley Hounds—rather a different type of hound to the Metamora. They appeared to have more of the English breed in them, but they are a workmanlike pack, with a keen young huntsman in charge, who promises well and certainly has the right ideas.

This country appeared to be more open, with possibly larger galloping fields. My host and hostess took me round to numerous stud farms and private establishments, which were certainly an eye opener, and I was particularly interested and rather amused at a certain auction which we attended in Virginia. The effort and energy required by the auctioneer was terrific—a great contrast to the average Irish or English way of selling. However, it certainly got results!

I was also much impressed by the style of riding here, which could well be adopted in some parts of our country. It is nice to see people going with their horses when jumping, instead of being left behind, and I am sure the horses appreciate it. And by the way, for those who do not know, instead of taking a horse for a bit of "schooling" or "nagging" as we call it, one does a bit of "vi-bratin'", according to a certain Mr. Johnston!

While still in this part of the country I was fortunate enough to be invited to have a day with the Elkridge-Harford Hounds by the well known Master of this pack, Mr. Edward Voss, who has had this pack for many seasons now. Here again was a fine pack of hounds with a fair amount of cross breeding, with a strong resemblance to English hounds amongst them. This pack was ably handled by a well known huntsman Dallas Leigh. We covered a lot of attractive country that day.

From Maryland I went to Long Island and was most hospitably entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Jackson of Old Westbury—the former is now running Mr. Kettle's establishment, where I saw some nice show horses. John Jackson was a well known man across Leicestershire and Ireland before the War, and Mrs. Jackson was as good a girl across a country as one could wish to see, and a keen point-to-point rider in her day.

While staying here I was driven through and all around the Unionville country, which I thought was the nearest approach to the English Leicestershire as I had seen, and having spent 5 seasons before the War in that lovely country, hunting with the Cottesmore, Belvoir and Quorn, which were considered the cream of England, I was particularly interested by this opportunity of seeing what appeared to me the cream of America—great big galloping grass fields, with some formidable looking fences, which would certainly require the best of horses and riders to keep on the tail of hounds. Judging by the size of the bullocks, which were numerous, I would say that this was a good scenting country, as the grass land looked vastly superior to any I had seen previously, and as good quality land always holds a better scent, I should imagine that these hounds fairly get cracking on a straight running fox. The way the fences were well set back off the road was particularly noticeable and attractive.

A quick look round the kennels convinced me that everything was run on first class lines. Hounds looked in the pink of condition and the layout was very attractive—in fact, de luxe. My chief regret was not being able to have a day with these hounds.

A morning with the Meadowbrook was interesting—another grand little pack—but I would say hunting was carried on here under great difficulties. However, a surprisingly large field turned out, with some very enthusiastic riders. But I am afraid it is only a question of time before this once famous bit of country is swallowed up by the tentacles of the metropolis.

Piping Rock and the National were the two principal shows I saw.

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The cubbing season at Vicmead was, to put it mildly, disappointing. A late summer drought extended well into October, and it was not until November that deep penetrating rains put life back into the hard-baked earth, and created any sort of scenting conditions and going for horses.

Since the first of November, hounds have been out, weather permitting, as much as four days a week in the Bohemia Manor Country below the Delaware-Chesapeake Canal, with the Saturday meet being held on the Limestone Road. Hunting below the Canal has not reached the heights of last year, but it is improving, and a number of good days have been enjoyed.

On Thanksgiving, hounds met in the upper country at A. Felix duPont's farm at 11 o'clock. Hounds found at once in the swamp to the west, and ran hard for 40 minutes through the entire length of the country before putting the fox to earth in the quarry beyond the old Eastburn farm. Later two foxes were viewed from the Dennison Valley, and one of these was hunted for another 30 or 40 minutes to provide a full morning and early afternoon of hunting preparatory to Thanksgiving dinners.

On Saturday, December 1, hounds again met at Mr. duPont's at 1 o'clock. They drew through the fields south of the stables, and immediately roused a fox sleeping in high sedge grass. Scent was burning, Continued On Page 23

Here the standard of horses was, I thought, exceptionally high, and I am sure it would take our best English and Irish horses all their time to win. The working hunter classes and the way they were judged was particularly interesting, and I only wish these classes were more popular in England and Ireland. It certainly makes a show horse a worth while animal.

When living in England I used to get very bored seeing the same horses going round the ring time after time in the strip hunter classes, and one could generally guess the results of each class long before they were judged. But not so in these working hunter classes. So much depends on the horse and rider for the final results. What puzzled me more than anything was how these horses could campaign all through the spring, summer and autumn, and still perform as they did at Madison Square, looking well and fresh in themselves, especially their legs. I can only assume that there must be some good stable management somewhere.

The layout and general organization of the National Show was remarkable, and great credit is due to the organizers for the smooth and efficient running. However, I feel I must make one comment here and that is no hats in the riding classes. If I saw one hat on the floor, I saw at least 20 during the week. Surely there must be some method of keeping hats on more effectively than this! All classes appeared to be remarkably well filled, and I thought that the hackneys and gaited horses were especially attractive.

The show jumping was of a usual high standard and it was nice to see Ireland do so well. The special course, which I believe was constructed originally by the Mexicans, was quite the most difficult and intricate I have ever seen and one needed the handiest of horses and a quick brain to negotiate that course successfully.

On my departure it was noticeable that there were a few flakes of snow and an icy wind, which was somewhat different to my arrival two months previously in a heat wave! But such is the climate of America.

I am looking forward to another visit, which I hope will be in the not too distant future, but I suppose much depends on whether I can find enough good horses to bring out. This may take time, as only the best will suffice if one wants to really go hunting in America, or be in the money at the National!

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Guardian's Caprice, Encore Win Sweet Briar Pt.-to-Pt.

J. L. H.

Sweet Briar held its 3rd point-to-point on December 8 in place of the invitation hunter trials which were cancelled because of weather conditions. The point-to-point was followed on Sunday by a joint meet of the Sweet Briar Hunt and the Bedford County Hunt at Sweet Briar, Va.

The point-to-point has become very popular at Sweet Briar and was again termed a great success. The riders went as pairs because some were more familiar with the countryside than others. The course included all types of terrain with many possible routes to each point. The course was completed by the winning pair in 40 minutes. Miss Janet Hamblurg on Encore and Dr. Robert H. Cox riding Guardian's Caprice were the winning pair.

SUMMARIES

3rd Sweet Briar Point-to-Point. Time: 40 minutes.

1. Encore. (Sweet Briar College), Miss Janet Hamblurg.
Guardian's Caprice, (Mrs. R. H. Cox), Dr. R. H. Cox.
 2. King Cole. (Sweet Briar College), Miss Elise Wachenfeld.
Uncle Remus, (Sweet Briar College), Miss Jean Caldwell.
 3. Boondoggle, (Sweet Briar College), Miss Betty Brawner.
Mystery, (Sweet Briar College), Miss Billie Liddle.
- 4 pairs started; also ran: Mrs. Carl V. Hopkins' Bombproof, Mrs. Carl V. Hopkins; V. Beasley's Most High, Miss Muriel Ratcliff.

Camden Junior Hunt Inaugurates Its 1951-52 Season

The Camden Junior Hunt opened the 1951-52 season with a larking party on November 3 and on November 12. The first regular drag hunt was held at 10 A. M. November 24 with a field of 27 out and four couples of the Camden Hunt hounds, Carl Lightfoot, huntsman. The Junior whippers-in were Graham DuBose, Johnny Kornegay, Anne McKain and Muff Wooten. The Junior Hunt will meet each Saturday, except when conflicting with a scheduled event, until the season closes at the end of March.

The Junior Hunt is an activity of the Camden Hunt of which Mrs. C. P. DuBose, Jr. is Master; Mrs. Rufus Redfearn, secretary and C. P. DuBose Jr. treasurer. Comdr. W. Shannon Heath acts for the Hunt Committee of the Camden Hunt as Mas-

Beagle Packs

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hound for the pack the following year. Old hounds, particularly intelligent ones, become jealous and in order to keep in front will develop habits of skirting or cutting across to get in front of the pack. Other hounds will sneak away and not speak until they get out in front. Hounds such as these must be removed from the pack immediately. If a hound is too slow, remove him. If a hound is too fast, get rid of him.

Often hounds that are hunted in a pack get excited—they tongue too much or over run the line carrying the whole pack with them. Hounds such as these are sometimes brilliant hounds and one gets attached to them, but they are harmful to the pack. One must never lose sight of the fact that it is a perfect pack one is striving for—a group of hounds all doing an equal share of

ter of Fox Hounds for the Junior Hunt.

The Junior Hunt evolved from a program initiated by the Camden Hunt Committee in the fall of 1946 to develop young riders. To date 59 children under age 18 have been qualified to ride with the hunt, 36 of these having been still further qualified to jump the fences of the junior drag lines.

The 1950-51 season of the Camden Junior Hunt opened on November 4 and on March 23 closed a schedule of 13 drag hunts and 3 larking parties. No meetings were held on the Saturdays of the children's horse show and of the Camden Hunt Hunter Trials; on 3 Saturdays hounds did not go out due to bad weather. The average field for the drag hunts was 32 and 14 juniors alternated as whippers-in for the season.—M. R. S.

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To discover the faults and qualities of a pack, they must be hunted in small groups, two or three couple at a time. This is particularly so when one is trying to pick out two-couple packs to enter at the field trials.

Field Trials: If it were not for the Pack Field Trials—the Bay State at Berkeley, Mass., in April, the Gladstone at Gladstone, New Jersey, and the Nationals at Aldie, Virginia, in November—our pack would not be what it is. In fact, I doubt if it would exist at all.

About two months before the trials in the spring and about two months before the fall trials, we start working on our pack, keeping in mind some of the things mentioned above. It is the desire to make a good showing at the trials that keeps us on our toes.

Everything I know about hunting a pack of beagles has been picked up at the field trials, watching other packs, and during discussions at the trials. I am indebted for any success I have had in hunting a beagle pack to many huntsmen—to C. Oliver Ollie Iselin, Master and huntsman of the Wolver, to John Baker, Master and huntsman of the Buckram, to Morgan Wing, Jr., Master and huntsman of the Sandanona—but, in particular to Bunny Sharp, Master and huntsman of the Trweryn, to Wilf Atkinson, huntsman of the Vernon Somerset and to Bunny Almy, Master and huntsman of the Quansett Fox Hounds.

There are many beagle owners and enthusiasts who could have a pack of beagles and get great pleasure out of hunting their hounds in a pack if they only knew a few simple rules, such as those outlined here. There rules and their applica-

tion can best be studied at the pack trials. New packs are always welcome at any of the trials. The more packs we have, the more fun and sport for all.

Pack hunting is declining in this country. I feel sad about this for so many beagles are thereby losing out. The greatest pleasure one can possibly have if one is a hound enthusiast is to hunt a pack of beagles. When each week-end comes around I can hardly wait to get out with our pack. It is always a new and exciting experience.

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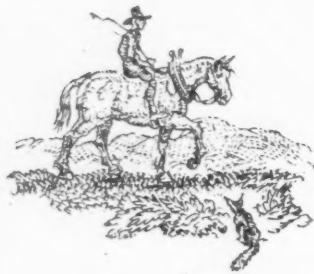
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In the Country



RUSSELL A. FIRESTONE

Racing lost another prominent sportsman when Russell A. Firestone, son of the founder of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co., died on Dec. 12 in New York. He had been associated with the game since 1936 and in recent years maintained a small band of broodmares in Kentucky. A noted polo player in his younger days, he was elected to The Jockey Club in 1948 and represented that body as a steward at various meetings.

Mr. Firestone never reached his goal of owning or breeding a classic stake winner. The Diver which ran 3rd to Guillotine and Theory in the 1949 Futurity at Belmont was one of his best prospects.

The deceased also maintained a home in Miami and was on the board of directors of Hialeah Park.

—Easy Mark

THE MOOSE

Miss Name Orr of Newgule, Tex. recently purchased The Moose from the Gray Horse Farm at Burton, Tex. Miss Orr will show the horse throughout the show circuits in the open jumper division.

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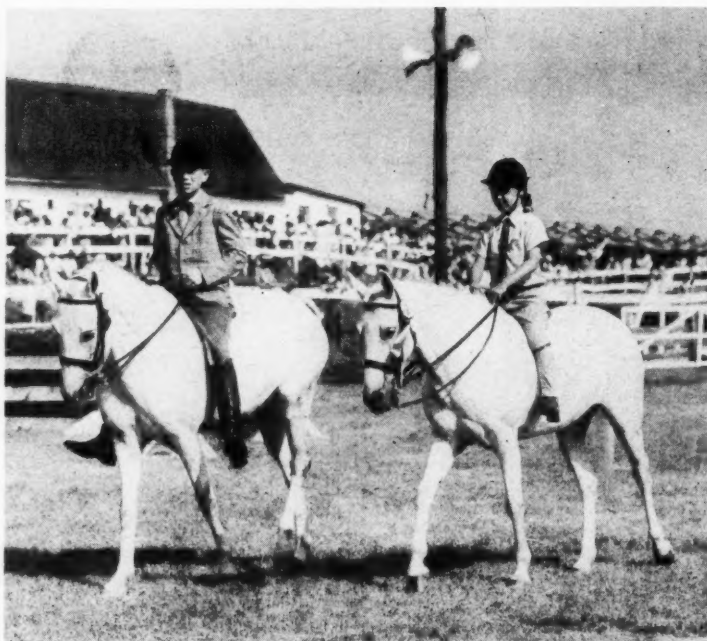
NEWMARKET SALES HIGHLIGHTS

Some of the prospective buyers at Newmarket were temporarily overcome with paroxysms of laughter following the visit of two popular young Americans to Henry Maxwell and Co. Ltd. Meandering through the shop, they finally seated themselves and one of them asked if he could try on a pair of Peal boots. Only the boys' natural charm prevented a riot.

Humphrey Finney, vice president of Fasig-Tipton, was at the sales to represent a number of American buyers. Going into Tattersall's office, he encountered Gene Weymouth of Wilmington, Del. and Charles V. B. Cushman of Middleburg, Va., plus an Irish dealer. The dealer had just sold Gene the 3-year-old bay filly, Crossing The Line, by Blue Peter—Joke, by *Easton at a profit. While Charlie made out a check, Finney glanced over his shoulder. When Gene asked, "Do you reckon they will cash this over here", Finney answered, "No, I don't think so. Charlie put the number of pounds where the figures go and in the body of the check the amount is written in American dollars." A nonplussed dealer held the check while the satisfied young buyer led off the filly. The matter was straightened out to the mutual satisfaction of all parties concerned.

Finney spotted a 2-year-old chestnut filly, Thundercloud, by Golden Cloud—Burnt Sienna, by Fair Trial which is bred like so many of the best American steeplechasers. She has two speed lines on top and stamina on the bottom lines. He called Gene Weymouth to have a look and the latter liked her. The deal was made and the big, tall, raking chestnut, winner of the June Stakes at Lingfield, joined Crossing The Line on the trip to Glasgow Stud where the two will stay prior to their shipment to this country.

Back in October Dave Odell left his Mapleton Stud at Malvern, Pa. for a trip overseas to look over the horses to be sold at the Newmarket Sales. One gray mare had been particularly recommended to him but after seeing her, his reaction resulted in some very uncomplimentary remarks. The incident apparently was forgotten by all but the mare. During the Newmarket Sales, he was walking among the horses and out of the 1100 on sale, he chose to turn his back to the same gray mare. Walking away from her, he was suddenly the recipient of a swift kick in the small of his back. Fortunately for him, the weather was cold and he was securely ensconced in layers of sweaters and a coat and it would probably have taken a 45 to penetrate the thickness. However, he had to spend a couple of days in the hospital before he could make the trip home.



FROM LINDEN LANE FARM. In the write-up of The National Horse Show, mention was made of the Virginia-breds which scored repeatedly. However, while credit was given to the Maryland owned large pony champion and reserve, their background was not given. Anthony Rives of Cobham, Va. bred, raised, owned and sold both Craven's Raven and Pinocchio, champion and reserve, respectively. These aren't the only winners which have been bred at Linden Lane Farm as Craven's Raven is a half-brother to both the Maryland winners Moonbeam and North Light. Pinocchio is a full brother to such good ponies as Owen Glendower, Smoky Joe and Powder Puff. How these ponies get along so well with their young riders is clearly indicated in the picture above. At the left is Master Russell Walther, Jr. on Miss Penny Armstrong's Pinocchio and at the right is owner-rider Miss Laura Lawrence on Powder Puff. (Hawkins Photo)

The well known Irish steeplechase rider, Martin Molony, is slowly recovering from the hard fall he had some time back. Apparently his skull fracture was not diagnosed as such in the preliminary examinations but he is now very much on the mend. However, it will be some six months before he will ride again.

American buyers weren't too successful in obtaining Thoroughbreds at the sales. However, A. B. Hancock, Jr. was the top bidder for 4 broodmares and 2 foals. With Humphrey Finney acting for him, Bruce Campbell is the new owner of the 2-year-old bay colt, prince Pat. By Prince Chevalier—Lone Pat, by Longdale, Prince Pat won the Trent Plate at Nottingham and established a new track record. Finney was also able to obtain Olympic View for E. A. Nicodemus. This 2-year-old bay colt by Panorama—Laurel Wreath, by Cri de Guerre, won the Lonsdale Produce Stakes and has been running in top company.

HERTZ NO MORE

December sixth marked the end of one of America's oldest and finest habit makers. The Hertz establishment on Fifth Avenue in New York for many years had a long and envied reputation for custom-made and ready-to-wear hunt, show and gaited saddle habits and fine accessories. Mr. Hertz' retirement made the dispersal sale necessary and Kaufmann and Miller Harness Co., both of New York, bought out the entire stock.

IRISH RIDER HOME

Steeplechase rider E. L. McKenzie joined the ranks at the Radnor Hunt Meeting this fall and rode A. E. Pew's, Jr.'s *Rallywood to win on the flat and over hurdles. Back in Ireland now, this rider writes that he appreciated the hospitality of the American jump jockeys who are a bunch of nice chaps and good riders.

VIRGINIA TO MARYLAND

A number of the members of the Middleburg Hunt vanned over to Green Spring Valley Hunt at Glynndon, Md. on December 8 to get at least a speaking acquaintance with the post and rail fences in that country. From all reports they held their own over part of the Grand National Point-to-Point fences even though one rider came back with tack in her pocket instead of on the horse and others knew they had definitely had a fast ride over post

and rails. George Bland, a familiar figure with the Middleburg, Orange County and Piedmont Hunts, made the trip but didn't ride. He didn't miss much that went on and told Huntsman Leslie Grimes that every bit of the Green Spring Valley Hunt country and fences looked like The Maryland Hunt Cup to him. Everyone who knows old George knows that whenever he goes anywhere, he always brings something back. Maryland proved too much for him. He pursued a game rooster but when the vans headed back to Virginia, the rooster was still a free agent in Maryland.

AN AUSTRALIAN AND HER CHAPERON

June Badger who has penned many a day in the hunting field here and abroad now writes of an experience that is going to take her various and sundry places but in an entirely different role from that of staying in the saddle. She is to be groom to two kangaroos for the Twentieth Century-Fox Film Corporation who are being sent out on a publicity tour to large cities here and in Canada.

SOUTH AMERICAN CAREER

Penny A. Pitch, a five-year-old mare who has done well in all divisions of the Maryland Horse Show Association has been sold to E. Russell Goodale of Caracas, Venezuela and leaves by boat on December 26th. Upon arrival she will begin competing in international competition and it will be interesting to watch the future career of this little mare who trekked cross country last year from California in a van behind the car of her owner, Mrs. J. H. Torbert.

ELENA

E. C. Bothwell of Westmoreland Farms, Greensburg, Pa. has been following the career of Elena, a foal of 1940 by *Golden Pine II and out of a registered Cleveland Bay mare. Elena, sold two years ago to John Clippinger of Cincinnati, has been performing well in Mid-West Hunt meets and point-to-points in Ohio and neighboring states. Elena, a personal favorite with Mr. Bothwell and he had hoped to hunt her but she proved too strong for him even before she raced. Now at Westmoreland Farm is Elena's only foal, now a 3-year-old by Rathbeale. Elena's dam, now approaching twenty-one years is in foal to *Rufi.

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Season's Greetings

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FAR HILLS, N. J.

Edward Voss Paints Hunt Country of Elkridge-Harford

Hunting people have not had an opportunity to see until recently many of the pictures of the Master of the Elkridge Harford Hounds, Edward Voss. This week on the cover there is reproduced one of a series of hunting pictures showing the Maryland countryside over which his hounds have hunted with such marked success.

The Elkridge Harford pack is a nice blend of English and American strains showing a preponderance of English bone and substance in their make-up, but with the nose and cry of the native American hound. Jumping is almost entirely post and rail with many line fences where followers have ample room to gallop and jump on their own line.

The Voss family is unique in its array of artistic talent with Frank Voss and Edward Voss both painting sporting subjects. Mr. Voss has given a nice impression of hounds in full cry and the composition shows the free striding and galloping Thoroughbreds with which most of the Field are mounted to good advantage. Those who wish prints of this foxhunting series should contact the Master of the Elkridge Harford as it is understood he has a number of strikes made in full color.

ROSE TREE FOX HUNTING CLUB

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Recognized 1904.



November 17

A Field of 18 met at Joseph Wall's at 11:00 A. M. with favorable weather attending. At M. F. Simmons' signal, hounds moved off under Huntsman Heller, he being aided by Whip Williams and a welcome new addition to our Staff, Honorary Whip William Frantz, Jr. Hounds found near Swan Lake, on Mr. Jeffords' property, and taking to their noses, pushed our pilot through Mr. Simmons' meadows to Stuart Rose's Woods, where Mr. Red was put to earth. A 7-mile point upwind, with hound work a pleasure to behold.

November 20

The Hardy Regulars, braving the season's first real cold, moved off from Kennels at 1:30 P. M. Shortly hounds found in Bate's Woods and bee-lined for Allen's Hollow. Trouble began in the form of a deer, who came from behind the pack and proceeded to pace hounds. Hounds being whipped off, Allen's Hollow was then thoroughly drawn by Huntsman Heller. Hounds evicted two foxes, and choosing one, our pilot took us on a merry chase through Austins, again Bate's Woods, and so to Mrs. Bodine's where scent failed.

November 22, Thanksgiving:

A large Field and many followers were guests of the William H. Frantz's at their lovely new home, Tremont, for a hunt breakfast. Of note was the outside grill with its sizzling 'burgers and steaming coffee, thrice-welcome to those who patiently stood with our mounts, whilst we fortified the inner man as guests of our host and hostess. M. F. H. Simmons gave the word, and Huntsman Heller moved off with 18 couple of hounds at 11:15. Mr. Sells' woods were first drawn, and proving barren, we moved on to Tin Garages, where a straight-necked one was found. Sly puss took us over Hunting Hill, then bore left-handed to Gradyville Pines. Two spectators here turned our quarry. Streaking back toward Hunting Hill, he turned left-handed, made through Pickering Thicket, and crossed Mr. Smedley's fields. On through Dr. Sharp's Woods, left-handed by the Pig Farm to Line Road, Reynard was again turned. Pursuing his own line, he went back through Mendenhall and was holed on the Pipe Line. A game one!

Hounds being cast in Green Briars, a second red was found, viewed by the assembled Field, or ased Simmons' Fields, was turned on Stackhouse Mill Road and went to earth on the bankside. A day's sport for which to be truly thankful.

—J. H. R.

MR. HUBBARD'S KENT COUNTY HOUNDS

Chestertown, Maryland.
Established 1931.
Recognized 1934.

Ever since Robert Brooke began hunting foxes in Maryland in the year of grace 1650, the tidal lands of the Eastern Shore, as well as the rolling country of the West, have echoed to countless generations of hounds. The old Brooke strain is now hard to find but it formed the basic stock for the Trigg and Walker hounds and is undoubtedly one of the foundation strains for today's Penn-Marydel, a breed of hounds developed on the peninsula comprising the Eastern Shore of Maryland, the State of Delaware and part of Virginia.

Kent is the oldest county on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. People have been hunting there since Colonial days and many farmers have had hounds for generations. It has always been noted as a good foxhunting section and members of organized packs in other sections have often gone there to hunt. The Green Spring Valley went there each season for many years and were frequently joined by members of the Elkridge-Harford. George Brice, one of the outstanding hunting men of his generation, came from Kent County, and had much to do with maintaining interest and enthusiasm in the sport. In 1914 he took his whole pack to Far Hills, N. J. where he showed excellent sport for over a generation. He and many other members of the Essex have frequently returned to hunt in Kent County.

Foxhunting has changed and the horses of the plantation owners have been superseded in most cases by the truck. This is especially true of the Eastern Shore where there is now only one recognized pack of foxhounds still hunting on horses in the traditional English manner, Mr. Hubbard's Kent County Hounds.

Wilbur Ross Hubbard comes of old Kent County stock, whose family have farmed land and hunted foxes for the past two hundred years. He began hunting as a child with neighboring farmers' and twenty years ago organized his own hounds. Starting with 10 couple of local hounds, he subsequently bred himself a very creditable pack, whose ability to cope with the local foxes I had the pleasure of witnessing on November 17. The pack was recognized in 1934, following a visit of Henry Vaughn in behalf of the Masters of Foxhounds Association.

Hounds met at 10 at the kennels. Fifteen couple, under the able stewardship of Arthur Brown, the huntsman, and his two assistants, also Arthur Browns. One whip is the huntsman's son and the other no relation but of the same name. The Field consisted of Mrs. M. L. Parr, a member of the Green Spring Valley Field, down for a week-end; Miss Marian Grieb; Mr. and Mrs. Paul

Gildersleeve, late of Homer Gray's Rombout; Misses Sally Smith and Ann Russell, two young ladies of Chestertown, my wife and I. With the exception of the Gildersleeves, Miss Russell and ourselves, who vanned our own horses, most of the Field, as well as the hunt staff, were mounted by Mr. Hubbard. Six colts by his stallion, *Esterling, were in the Field and a very good looking group of young horses they were. Frank Minor was on one of these youngsters which he is schooling for Mr. Hubbard. This one was a bit green but a big jumper, like all of *Esterling's colts.

Clear blue skies and a rising thermometer did not augur well for scent, especially since there had not been a decent rain for some days, but hounds burst into cover with a will and began an earnest quest. Several puppies, as all puppies will, did a bit of babbling, till one of the Browns learned them better. The first cover drew blank and we moved on to a wooded valley along the Almshouse Stream. Down along the bank a fox was moving and Redman, Music and Shadow announced the good news with tuneful gusto. The pack honored and we had a good burst of galloping before the big red fellow went to ground. Stopping earths in a country with as large covers as Mr. Hubbard's is almost impossible, but despite this disadvantage, Mr. Hubbard told me that runs averaged better than 40 minutes for the season. Subsequent draws produced no sport but the country was lovely, and it was interesting to see it.

Unlike Talbot County, where I hunt my beagles over land as flat as a billiard table, Kent County in the neighborhood of Chestertown has a gently rolling terrain that adds greatly to the pleasure of hunting over it. The fields are mainly large, averaging, I should say, about 50 acres each. Cultivation runs mostly to spring wheat and barley, which do not suffer too much from occasional galloping. "Let's the air in", said Mr. Jorrock as he plowed up a new corn field with Artaxerxes. There is lots of wire, but Mr. Hubbard has carefully paneled the country and even gone so far as to fill in paths across the swampy places.

Following the hunt, the Field was entertained by Mrs. Hubbard, the Master's mother, at a sumptuous breakfast.—Philip Crowe...

Vicmead Hunt

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and hounds drove on through the swamp leaving the Boyd farm on their left. They then made for Justis woods, ran through that, crossed the Polly Drummond Road, and went on to Knott's woods. With no check, they went on through the big meadows south of Rollins, and straight on to the Dennison pines. Here the fox turned for the first time, crossed Pike Creek, and ran east through

IN THE COUNTRY

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CALIFORNIA TRIUMPH

When Idol won the Clasico Vente De Noviembre, for his owner Granja Santa Elena at Mexico City on November 20, it was something of a California triumph. Idol, a 5-year-old bay mare is by Texas Flag (American Flag—Modern Queen, by Superemus), which stands at Dale A. Seitz' Farm at San Ysidro, California. Star Struck, dam of Idol, is by Morvich—Astrolabe, by *Sir Galahad III, which was bred by George Poulsen, Los Angeles, California. Morvich by the way it the California-bred winner of the Kentucky Derby.

COLONIST II

Captain P. G. Harvey purchased Colonist II at the Newmarket Bloodstock sales on December 5, for use in his own stud. Bids took Captain Harvey to \$20,550 for the grey racer. For England's Prime Minister Winston Churchill, the grey with the dislike for left handed courses, won 13 events and \$33,600, which includes the Jockey Club Cup at Newmarket.

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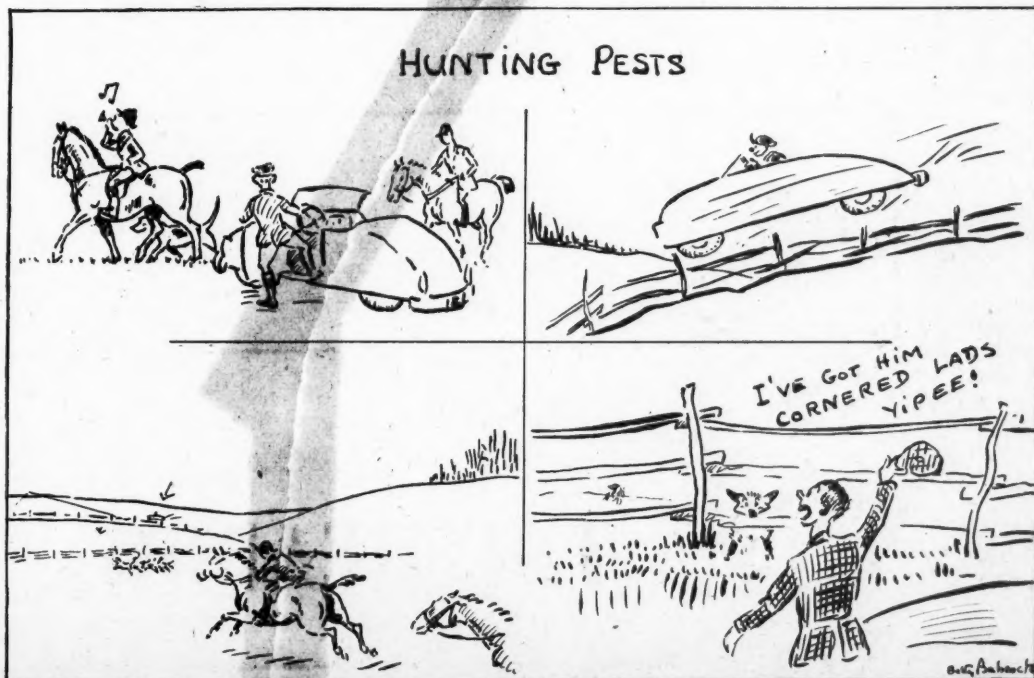
who are interested in furthering the work of the association.

The association cannot, of course, pay Mr. Wadsworth's salary from the \$10.00 membership dues. This will be done by private subscriptions and will be carried out every year. The board of directors will raise the money and subscriptions will be sought from all those persons interested in helping to maintain the association. Subscriptions of any size will be welcomed, but a maximum of \$500 has been set. Such contributions will help to protect the interests of the exhibitor through the existence of the association.

A big job faces this newly organized association in the coming year. However, in its capacity of representing the opinions of the hunter and jumper exhibitors, its work will be enhanced through the splendid cooperation and interest received.

the Van Sant farm to Properties where he recrossed Pike Creek. Scent seemed almost to run out at this point although the fox was hunted slowly for another 15 minutes until a complete loss was made on the hill east of Knott's woods.

Hounds were then taken across the Limestone Road where two more foxes were found, one of which was lost, and the other put to earth in Workhouse woods before he could be hunted from covert. As it was now about 4 o'clock, hounds were taken in after a good day.—Volpe



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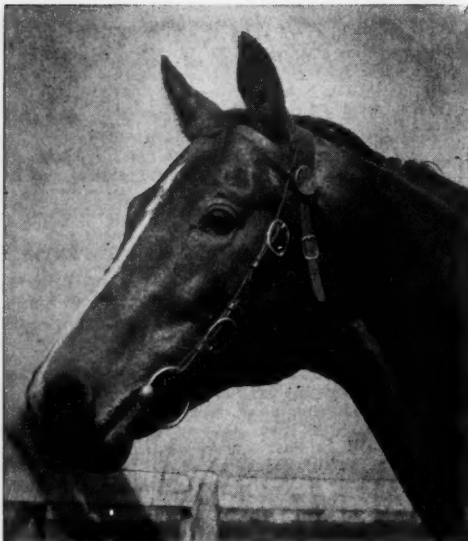
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